

Public Announcement **February 28, 2018**

The FSM Department of Education announces that an application for funding under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is being submitted for US Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 covering the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. The FSM receives funding under IDEA to provide special education and related service programs for eligible children with disabilities and their families.

IDEA requires that the annual application for funding be made available for Public Review and Comment. Consistent with this requirement, The FSM Department of Education announces that the Annual State Application under Part B of IDEA for FFY 2018 will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education on or before May 18, 2018.

The FSM Department of Education announces that a 60-day public review period and a 30-day public comment period will be made available to allow the public an opportunity to review the application and to make comments. The dates for the **60 day public review** will be from March 2, 2018 – April 30, 2018. The **30 day public comment** period will be from April 12, 2018 – May 11, 2018.

The FSM Department of Education will also be conducting Public Hearings in each State regarding the FFY 2018 Part B Application and any changes that are being proposed for policies and procedures used within the FSM Department of Education to administer special education programs. A schedule of the **Public Hearing** dates for each State is as follows: Chuuk State-April 16 to April 20; Kosrae State-April 30-May 4; Yap State-May 7- 11-21; Pohnpei State-April 23-27.

Copies of the Part B Application FFY 2018 are available at each State Department of Education. A copy of the application is also available at the FSM Division of Special Services website, <http://fsmsped.org/dashboard>, and FSM Department of Education website, <http://national.doe.fm>.

Please submit any comments concerning the application to:

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Comments may also be submitted via email to: kkephas@national.doe.fm and aalbert@dss.edu.fm

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