

KEY MESSAGES

Meeting of the Provincial Advisory Committee on Formal Dispute Resolution Regarding Special Education Programs and Services November 22, 2007

- The *Provincial Advisory Committee on Formal Dispute Resolution Regarding Special Education Programs and Services* (the “Committee”) held its sixth meeting on November 22, 2007.
- The Committee was pleased with the evaluation results for the fall professional development sessions on the resource guide titled *Shared Solutions*. Members were happy that some of their recommendations (e.g. having a mixed audience of parents and educators for the training sessions, ensuring the document is in plain language, etc.) were identified as having contributed to the success of the initiative. They congratulated staff in the Special Education Policy and Programs Branch on their great work in organizing the sessions.
- Copies of the Power Point presentations used for the professional development sessions as well as the Parent & Student Video will be burned on CDs and DVDs by the Special Education Policy and Programs Branch for school boards and groups that request this material for training purposes. There has already been an interest expressed for the material.
- The Committee spent time reviewing the draft Guidelines for the pilot projects on dispute resolution regarding special education programs and services. Members recommended that any documents and communication tools that will be read and/or used by parents in the context of the pilot project be written in plain and straightforward language.
- The work accomplished over the last two meetings by the Committee on the logic model for the pilot projects, including the evaluation questions, was deemed ready to be sent to the project evaluators.
- The Committee’s next meeting is scheduled to take place on March 5 and 6, 2008.