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**District of Columbia Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
Announces Public Briefing on Accessing Services
for Students with Disabilities in D.C. Public Schools**

The District of Columbia Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) is revisiting its recent inquiry on [Accessing Services for Students with Disabilities in D.C. Public Schools](#). The Committee will review the 2024 report's findings and recommendations considering recent changes within the U.S. Department of Education and their implications for special education services.

As part of this inquiry, the Committee will hold a briefing on Monday, June 16, 2025, to gather updated information and expert perspectives from a range of panelists. More details about this briefing are available [here](#).

Date: Monday, June 16, 2025

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/3Hhu3BG>

Telephone Access (Audio Only): 1-833-435-1820, Webinar ID: 161 010 1526

Chair Wayne Heard said, “The District of Columbia Advisory Committee expresses its sincere appreciation for the continued collaboration of all stakeholders, including parents, school administrators, education researchers, and representatives of local and federal government. As we advance in our collective efforts to identify and implement effective solutions, we welcome public input on the findings and recommendations outlined in our report. Additionally, we are also eager to understand how the potential closure of the U.S. Department of Education may affect special education services.”

Closed captioning is available by selecting “CC” in the Zoom meeting platform. Individuals requiring additional accommodations should contact Sarah Villanueva at svillanueva@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to this briefing.

Members of the public will be invited to make oral comments on the topic at the conclusion of the briefing. Each comment may not exceed five minutes. Members of the public are also invited to submit written comments to svillanueva@usccr.gov within 30 days of the briefing to be included in the public record.

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