Common Questions & Answers for Parent Mentors and Administrators

1. How is the IDEA Parent Survey distributed?
   a. The survey will be available to all families of students with disabilities. The survey will be administered through an online link.
   • Direct link to the parent survey: https://survey.gadoe.org/SPEDParentSurvey
   • Link to the GaDOE Webpage where the survey appears under Resource Links section: http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services
   
   The survey link can be accessed on the following websites:
   - Ga Parent Mentor Partnership www.parentmentors.org
   - Parent to Parent of Ga www.p2pga.org

2. What schools will be surveyed?
   a. The online survey will be available to all families of students with disabilities in all Georgia public schools.

3. When will the survey open?
   a. January 16, 2024.

4. When does the online survey close?
   a. May 31, 2024.

5. Is the Parent Surveys available in Spanish?
   a. Yes

6. Does a parent who has more than one child receiving special education services through an IEP complete a survey for each child?
   a. A parent can complete a survey for each of their children who receives special education services.

7. What can I do to make each survey count and get the best results?
   a. Share with teachers and principals the importance of the Parent Survey and that the information gathered is reported in the Annual Performance Report for each district.
   b. Remind families to:
      i. Complete demographic information so that the responses will be more accurate.
      ii. Remember that all surveys are anonymous.
   c. Make the survey link available on your district and school websites.
8. Why is this survey administered and how will the results be used?
   a. This survey helps the state to determine parents’ perception of the success of parent engagement between them and schools. Each state is required to conduct a parent survey collection process to measure parent/family perceptions. The information is gathered as a component of the State Performance Plan, **Indicator 8: Percent of parents with a student receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving results for children with disabilities.** The data collected is reported as a percentage of parental involvement in the Annual Performance Report for each district.

9. Questions?
   a. Problems with the online survey? Submit a dticket@doe.k12.ga.us or call 800-869-1011.
   b. Questions about the Parent Survey? Contact Anne Ladd at aladd@doe.k12.ga.us or Tracy Jones Tracy.barberjones@doe.k12.ga.us
   c. Questions about Parent Survey Dashboard data? Contact Linda Castellanos at LCastellanos@doe.k12.ga.us
   d. Questions related to the Parent Survey or special education generally? Contact SPED Help Desk 404-657-9968 or spedhelpdesk@doe.k12.ga.us