



AGENDA

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
IDEA IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER TRAINING

VIRTUAL PROGRAM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020

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8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. *Window to Sign-in to Zoom*

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. *Legal Update*

Mr. Merced will review recent decisions addressing IDEA issues rendered by various circuit courts of appeals and federal district courts, as well as some relevant OSEP rulings.

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. *Break*

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. *Legal Update (cont.)*

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *Framework for Determining Whether, And to What Extent, COVID 19 Impact Services Are Needed*

Mr. Merced will review the standards governing an award of compensatory education services. With this foundation, he will explain how the framework to aid IHOs in crafting an appropriate award of compensatory education services, can be adapted to examine, on an individual basis, whether the COVID-19 school closures / remote learning adversely affected an IDEA eligible student's progress. And, if

adverse affect is established, what information is needed to craft an appropriate award of COVID-19 impact services to address the educational loss.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Framework for Determining Whether, And to What Extent, COVID 19 Impact Services Are Needed (cont.)

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

COVID-19: Potential Issues it May Present

Mr. Merced will discuss some of the novel potential issues which this crisis may present that IHOs may be tasked with addressing in the coming months.