

## **IEP Team Meeting Introductory Statements**

A new requirement of the Modified Consent Decree (MCD) mandates that Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams read aloud the following statements at every IEP team meeting, regardless of parent attendance:

- An IEP meeting is a collaborative process, and all participants will be provided the opportunity to ask questions and provide recommendations and suggestions;
- The IEP team has the authority and responsibility to design a program in which the child can derive meaningful benefit;
- The draft IEP, behavior intervention plan, or assessment plan might change as a result of the IEP team's deliberations;
- The decision on related services and placement will occur during the IEP meeting, unless the team agrees that there is not sufficient information to make a placement determination;
- The District considers the family equal partners in the educational decision-making process; and
- Any team member may propose an objective or goal in the IEP, even if it is not included in the Welligent goal bank.

This statement must be read after the Welcome and Introductions are complete at the IEP team meeting.