***Letter from Carlen Henington, SICC-Chair, calling the special meeting:***

Dear SICC Members:

Good afternoon.

As you know from our last SICC meeting, the legislature has proposed items that have implications for Early Intervention. Based on the presentation at our quarterly meeting on January 13 and new information, I believe the SICC should meet to discuss and advise the lead agency. The ad hoc committee that was appointed at the January 13th meeting has not met, nor selected a chair to lead that committee. Given the quick pace of legislation, the SICC EC agrees that this will require a special meeting of the SICC members.  The items to discuss are:

1. SB 2167 (sponsored by SICC member Sen. Boyd) which will establish an early intervention pilot program at the T. K. Martin Center and establish a study committee to consider structural changes to the early intervention program, including evaluating a transition to a Hub model will come for a vote within the respective committee on January 31st.
2. SB 2485 (sponsored by Sen. Hickman and SICC member Sen. Boyd) redefines qualified personnel to include BA child development graduates with a 153 license.

The link to access these proposed bills is [http://www.legislature.ms.gov/legislation/](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.legislature.ms.gov%2Flegislation%2F&data=05%7C01%7CMiranda.Richardson%40msdh.ms.gov%7C527ef6837af9404cd44808dafd79bb70%7C559042dc8bf04d869fc0fbf4c7503c79%7C0%7C0%7C638100996542749397%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=EwEsAdzMpXlhi1UXNmt8fkIuLodin2y%2BG7TnL83EQNM%3D&reserved=0). You can search by number, author, or text.

Based on our charge by the Governor, our lively discussion surrounding the presentation last week, and the very quick turnaround, I believe a meeting to discuss how to support and advise the MS EI staff to utilize these bills to meet needs in the state should the bills pass.

Therefore, I am calling an emergency **virtual meeting of the entire SICC members on Thurs (January 26th) at 9:00**.  The EI staff will arrange the specifics of the meeting.

**Please use link below to access the zoom**

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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