ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
ASSEMBLY SUB-COMMITTEE ON STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE

SUBJECT: New York's State-supported Schools for Blind and Deaf Students
(4201 Schools)

PURPOSE: To examine educational and supportive programs and services offered
by 4201 schools, funding for these schools, and the unique challenges
faced by the schools and students.

Thursday
November 19, 2015
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
New York School for the Deaf (Fanwood School)
555 Knollwood Road
White Plains, New York

PARTICIPATION WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY

Known as "4201 Schools," New York's privately operated, state-supported schools for the blind
and deaf were established under Section 4201 of the Education Law. There are a total of eleven
4201 schools statewide that serve the special education needs of students who are blind, deaf
and/or may have other significant disabilities from ages five to 21, including four schools with
residential programs. Schools for the blind and deaf receive state and local aid, as well as
federal funds. The 2015-2016 enacted state budget provided an additional $2.3 million for 4201
schools, for a total of $98.5 million for the 2015-16 school year.

Participants will be invited to discuss and examine educational and supportive programs and
services offered by these schools, funding for these schools, and any unique challenges these
schools, their students, and their families may face.

In order to meet the needs of those who may have a disability, the Assembly, in accordance
with its policy of non-discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as the 1990 Americans
with Disabilities Act (ADA), has made its facilities and services available to all individuals
with disabilities. For individuals with disabilities, accommodations will be provided, upon
reasonable request, to afford such individuals access and admission to Assembly facilities
and activities.

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