Procedures for Disagreements

The appeals process begins when a student and/or parent are not satisfied with the decision of the team in planning the student's educational programming and/or when determining the need for gifted education services. This process involves the reconsideration of identification process, programming for gifted services and creation of Advanced Learning Plans.

Before a formal appeal, an attempt should be made at the building level to resolve the disagreement. The student or parent shall request a conference with the building level Gifted Education Coordinator and/or building principal and the SLV BOCES Gifted Education Coordinator in order to review the student's body of evidence and to obtain a thorough explanation of the screening process and its purpose. This meeting should occur within 30 school days of the request.

If the outcome of the conference at the building level is not to the satisfaction of the student and/or parent's satisfaction, then a written appeal must be submitted to the district superintendent. The written appeal must contain a statement of the complaint, any evidence in its support, the solution desired, the student and parent's signature, and the date the appeal is submitted. The superintendent, or his/her designee, must schedule and hold a conference with the submitting party and the SLV BOCES Gifted Education Coordinator within 10 school days of receiving the written appeal. At the end of this meeting, the decision of the superintendent is final.