

SPEED - HISTORICAL & BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1957 – 1967** SPEED served both high and low incidence special education students and became known as the South Suburban Public School Cooperative Association of Cook County.
- 1964** Mr. Lynn Wiley became the first Executive Director of SPEED. He served from July 1964-August 1973.
- 1967** SPEED was organized under the Illinois School Code and included fourteen contiguous school districts. Homewood School District 153 served as the Administrative District.
- 1973** Mrs. Jan Freeman became SPEED's second Executive Director, serving from September 1973-June 1980.
- 1975** SPEED became a legal entity and the second Special Education Joint Agreement in Illinois, School District 802.
- Mr. Reno Rosatti, from School District 170, became the first Governing Board President and served from July 1975-June 1979.
- 1979** Mrs. Katherine Cerone, from District 233, became SPEED's second Governing Board President, serving from July 1979 to June 1982.
- 1980** Dr. Ted Riggen became the third Executive Director, serving from July 1980 to December 1985.
- 1981** The SPEED/SMA Inquiry group was formed. The purpose of the group was to explore the concept of whether or not there was a need for joint agreement programs and whether or not low incidence disabled students should be served through the regional Cooperative, SMA. SMA was created in 1971 from a Title VI Grant for low incidence disabled students submitted by SPEED. SMA became a regional special education cooperative, serving over 50 districts.
- 1982** Mrs. Judith Lohr, from District 227, became the third Governing Board President and served from July 1982-June 1985.
- 1984** Dr. Paul Dulle became SPEED's Acting Director and served from December 1984 to March 1985.
- 1985** Dr. Martin W. Fox became SPEED's fourth Executive Director and served from July 1985-July 2002.
- Mrs. Louise Morales, from District 168, became the fourth Governing Board President, serving from July 1985- July 2005.
- 1986** Prairie Hills School District 144 became SPEED's 15th member district.
- 2002** Dr. Betty Pointer became SPEED's fifth Executive Director, serving from July 2002 – December 2007.
- 2005** Mr. Ron Bean, from District 162, became SPEED's fifth Governing Board President, serving from August 2005 to the present.

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Dr. Geneva Walters became SPEED's sixth Executive Director, serving from January 2008 to the present.