

## RE: participation in GB meetings

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Hi Debra,

Thank you so much for reaching out to accommodate me. The gold standard accommodation for me would still be live streaming with cameras zoomed in on speakers faces. This is because lip reading is such a vital part of how I compensate for my hearing impairment. However, it is my understanding that those are costly endeavors and the Board is still deciding if/how such an endeavor will occur.

In the meantime, would it be possible to (1) increase the volume on the microphones and (2) also turn the speaker podium slightly in your direction? If I sit in the audience seat closest to where Travis Ritt is positioned, then I would be able to see a side angle of the speakers at the podium and presumably, be able to read lips from the side. I think both of these adjustments would go a long way to increasing my ability to follow the conversation. However, I am still hopeful the Board will agree to livestreaming as it would allow me to follow along on an iPad or tablet with a closer view of lips. Additionally, livestreaming would increase transparency for all of those unable to attend Board meetings.

Please let me know if the two adjustments I suggested above are feasible and thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Thank you again, Lesley

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**From:** Doerfler, Debra  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 1:05 PM  
**To:** Williams, Lesley  
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Hi Lesley,

If you need some type of accommodation to participate in the Governing Board meetings, I'm your contact point. Let me know what disability related modification/ accommodations you might need and I'll do my best to get it done. Obviously the more lead time you can provide the better!

I've given Dr. Blake some information on had on file regarding what other districts are doing as well as some information/costs on live streaming and captioning.

Thank you,

*Debra Doerfler*

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