

# Preparing for BSEA Mediations

## IDENTIFY INTERESTS

District's Interests	Parents' Interests
What is important to the District? Why?	What might be important from the Parents' point of view? Why?

## GENERATE OPTIONS

Brainstorm any/all options might meet the interests of you, them, and the student.

## CONSIDER LAWS & REGULATIONS

What important perspectives do laws and regulations bring to the conversation?

## ALTERNATIVES TO A MEDIATED AGREEMENT

**District's Alternatives:** What can the District do if we don't agree?

**Parents' Alternatives:** What can Parents do if we don't agree?

## POTENTIAL PROPOSALS

<p><b>Aspire To...</b> What agreement do I aspire to? What would satisfy my interests and might meet enough of their basic concerns so there is at least a chance they would agree?</p>	<p><b>Content With...</b> What agreement, maybe not perfect, would still satisfy my basic interests so I could be reasonably content?</p>	<p><b>Live With...</b> What agreement could I live with because it is still a little bit better than not getting an agreement?</p>
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## RELATIONSHIP

What is our current relationship like?

How do we want our relationship to be?

What steps can we take towards improving our current relationship?

