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## Special Education Today

News, resources, and tools for educators like you.

### Members Like You!

The Council for Exceptional Children is the leader in special education, and it's all thanks to member volunteers like you!

Being part of a committee is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and skills to help lead the organization you love, as well as to develop your professional network and leadership skills. Your background, professional interests and volunteer leadership roles may make you a perfect fit.



Vacancies exist on the Student and Early Career Committee and Representative Assembly Committee for two-year terms beginning July 1, 2019. The deadline for all materials is 5:00 pm EDT, April 24, 2019. [Learn more](#).

### Apply for the 2020 CEC Board of Directors



As a professional association of educators dedicated to advancing the success of children with exceptionalities, we seek a board committed to our core values of visionary thinking, inclusiveness and integrity that reflects CEC's view of diversity and the constituencies we serve.

Applications for Member-at-Large positions on the Board of Directors are now being accepted. Three-year terms begin January 1, 2020. The deadline for receipt of all materials is 3:00 p.m. EST, May 22, 2019.

In our sincere effort to successfully recruit a well-qualified and diverse slate of candidates, the Leadership Development Committee has developed a comprehensive selection process. [Learn how to apply](#).

## Ready to make a difference?

### Registration for the 2019 Special Education Legislative Summit is open!

This is not your typical “sit and get” event! The [summit](#) enables you to take action. Attending is about ensuring you are empowered and have the necessary tools when advocating on behalf of children and youth with exceptionalities on Capitol Hill. To prepare, you’ll have access to:

- Pre-conference strategy webinars and emails
- Briefings on the latest proposals under consideration by the Administration and Congress
- Collaborative state team meetings
- On-site advocacy training

Register now to ensure you don’t miss out! The [summit](#) is a fast-paced, action-oriented experience that will leave you knowing you can make a difference!

[See early bird rates!](#)




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## Policy Highlights

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### President’s FY 2020 Budget Proposal Dismisses the Needs of Children with Exceptionalities

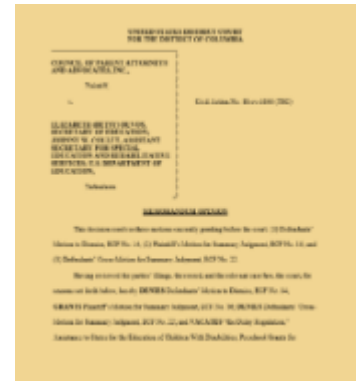


President Trump’s FY 2020 budget proposal once again undermines public education and neglects children and youth with exceptionalities — slashing the U.S. Department of Education’s budget by approximately 12.5 percent or \$8.8 billion. The proposed budget eliminates funding for the Javits Act, the only federal investment to support vulnerable minority and low income, gifted students along with 28 other education programs, cutting \$6.7 billion in total. [Read more.](#)

### Special Education Rule on Significant Disproportionality Reinstated by Court

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled the U.S. Department of Education’s delay of the 2016 Equity in IDEA regulations “illegal” and required the 2016 final regulations to immediately go into effect. The court deemed the delay of the special education rule “arbitrary and capricious,” since the U.S. Department of Education violated the

Administrative Procedures Act, as there was not a “reasoned explanation” for delaying the 2016 Regulation and as a failure to consider the costs of delay. [Read more.](#)



## CEC Celebrates Public Schools Week — Ask Your Representative to Join!



The Council for Exceptional Children joins the Learning First Alliance and national education groups representing teachers, principals, superintendents, parents and other civic organizations for Public Schools Week, March 25-29, 2019, celebrating the achievements public schools and early childhood programs are making nation-wide and the critical roles they play in developing future generations of successful children and youth. CEC supports all public educators, specifically special educators and early interventionists who ensure a free, appropriate public

education and early intervention services through IDEA across the nation’s public programs. [Read more.](#)



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### Upcoming Events

#### NJ CEC Spring 2019 Annual Conference

Mahwah, New Jersey | March 22, 2019

#### Ohio CEC 2019 Annual Conference

Quest Conference Center | Columbus, Ohio  
June 3, 2019

## 2019 Special Education Legislative Summit

Arlington, VA | July 7-10, 2019

### News

#### **Administration ordered to reinstate special education rule:**

The U.S. Department of Education can't delay implementation of a regulation aimed at preventing certain students from being wrongly placed in special education, a federal judge has ruled. In a decision issued Thursday, U.S. District Judge Tanya S. Chutkan found that the Education Department acted in an "arbitrary and capricious" manner when it delayed what's known as the "significant disproportionality" rule. [Read more.](#)



#### **Administration seeks 10 percent cut to education department aid, \$5 billion for tax-credit scholarships:**

President Donald Trump is seeking a 10 percent cut to the U.S. Department of Education's budget in his fiscal 2020 budget proposal, which would cut the department's spending by \$7.1 billion down to \$64 billion starting in October. [Read more.](#)

**Many students with ADHD don't get help at school:** A significant portion of students with attention-deficit/ hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) receive no school services, despite experiencing significant academic and social impairment, according to a new study published in the Journal of Attention Disorders. This was particularly common among students from non-English-speaking and/or lower-income families. [Read more.](#)

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