Don't Miss Our Upcoming Webinar with Dr. Marilyn Friend

Are you looking for ways to identify appropriate specially designed instruction techniques and integrate them into co-taught classes? Then join renowned expert Dr. Marilyn Friend on **Tuesday, October 22, at 4pm ET**, for our next Fall webinar, "Specially Designed Instruction in Co-Teaching," and find out why CEC members call her sessions the highlight of their convention experience every year!

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CEC Members Talk IEP Meetings in Education Dive

At CEC, our members continue to lead the way and reach new heights as subject matter experts at the top of their field.
In a recent article in Education Dive, members Julie Weatherly, Esq., Dr. Mitchell Yell, and Dr. David Bateman shared their expertise around improving the IEP process to encourage greater participation from parents and school leaders. The article also cites CEC's State of the Special Education Profession Survey Report, including key findings around the role of the IEP in special education and the critical need for support around the IEP process.

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Policy Highlights

Higher Education Act Bills in Play in the House and the Senate

To jump start the three-week work period in Congress, this week, House Education and Labor Committee Chair Bobby Scott (D-VA) introduced the College Affordability Act, a partisan bill developed by the Democrats to comprehensively reauthorize the Higher Education Act (HEA), which was last updated by Congress in 2008. Read more about the bill and CEC's response.
Top Special Education Official Leaving His Post at Education Department: On Wednesday, Secretary Betsy DeVos announced that Johnny Collett, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), plans to resign at the end of the week.

College Affordability Act: What People Are Saying: Here’s what education leaders — including the Higher Education Consortium for Special Education (HECSE) — are saying about the landmark legislation.

Study: Black-white discipline gap predicts achievement disparities: The achievement gap between black and white students is tied to gaps in discipline rates, according to a new study published in AERA Open.

Special Report: Inside the Principal-Teacher Relationship: Anchored by findings from a nationally representative survey of principals and teachers, Education Week’s latest special report
explores some of the key issues that influence the dynamics between principals and teachers.

**Report: State and federal spending on higher ed has nearly converged:** A report released from The Pew Charitable Trusts explains that, during the past two decades, federal support for higher education rose while state support dropped.

**How kindergarten readiness predicts performance:** According to researchers at the University of Missouri, a kindergarten readiness test can accurately predict how well a student will do 18 months later.

**Survey: More Teacher Training Needed for Ed Tech Tools:** While the majority of teachers and administrators recognize that educational technology can accelerate student learning opportunities, a recent survey from Promethean finds many school staff do not have training to adopt ed tech solutions in the classroom.

**Universal free lunch is linked to better test scores, new report finds:** Students with access to universal free meals had better reading and math test scores, according to a study by researchers at Syracuse University’s Center for Policy Research.

**A Study Suggests Kansas Schools Rely On Data At The Expense Of Teacher Knowhow:** A new study from the University of Kansas suggests state education officials are relying too heavily on testing data to evaluate schools while discounting teacher input.

**Small Institutions Lead the Way in STEM Degree Attainment for Underrepresented Students:** A new
A report by the Council of Independent Colleges shows small and mid-sized colleges and universities are graduating a disproportionate amount of underrepresented students in STEM fields.