This week, we share a free member policy webinar, an opportunity to share your input on bringing high-quality educators to the field, and one of the many ways we're in this together.

**Advocates, Get Informed**

Have you, too, been wondering, "what's happening in Washington" lately? Then join us on **Tuesday, December 10, 4-5pm ET**, for a webinar with CEC’s Senior Policy Advisors Kuna Tavalin and Laura Kaloi. They’ll provide an update about recent action in Washington, D.C., and discuss how it impacts your work in the field. And best of all, this webinar is FREE for CEC members!

**Register now!**

**OSEP Is Looking for Your Feedback**

As part of its continued efforts to improve the ability to attract, prepare, and retain effective personnel for children with disabilities, the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is seeking targeted input from many stakeholders across the State and local levels.

One of the most important stakeholder groups is teachers – and especially those who directly serve children with disabilities like YOU!

Make your voice heard by filling out this 5-question survey to help support special educators and make a positive impact for our profession and for the children you serve. Your responses will be used to help inform and guide improvements in this critical area.
Provide your feedback ASAP!

When’s the Last Time You Checked Out the CECommunity?

Have you visited the CECommunity all-member forum recently?

Every day, special education professionals are getting answers to their individualized questions and connecting with each other for advice, resources, and peer-to-peer support. And when you take advantage of this awesome member benefit, you can too!

Log in and catch up on the conversation!

Policy Highlights

GAO Report Highlights Barriers for Students with Disabilities Based on Race and Income

A U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report shows that low-income and minority students receiving special education services were less likely than their white, more affluent peers to seek dispute resolution under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Read more.

OSEP Issues Policy Letter on Compensatory Education When a Family Relocates

In a recently published letter, Laurie VanderPloeg, Director of OSEP, issued a response to an inquiry by an anonymous author regarding the provision of compensatory education after a family relocates to a new state. Read more.
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Upcoming Events

**Connecticut CEC Conference**
Rocky Hill, CT | December 13

**SuperConference 39**
Lafayette, LA | January 12-13

**DADD 21st International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability, and Developmental Disabilities**
Sarasota, FL | January 22-24

News

**Survey: Special needs students, ELs more positive about school mental health services:** The analysis of six years of YouthTruth data shows that students with special needs are more likely than general education students to report having thoughts of suicide.

**Sharp Nationwide Enrollment Drop in Teacher Prep Programs Cause for Alarm:** There are about one-third fewer students enrolled in teacher-preparation programs now than in 2010, according to...
an analysis from the Center for American Progress.

**States Gear Up to Overhaul K-12 Funding in 2020:** Several states will be eying ways to improve equity in education in 2020 by changing their funding formulas.

**Accessibility of digital tools presents challenges:** Instructors are taking advantage of tools such as simulations, videos, and online quizzes to round out their classwork, but such digital courseware is not always accessible to students with disabilities.

**U.S. Students Gain Ground Against Global Peers. But That's Not Saying Much:** The latest results from the Program for International Student Assessment show American teenagers gaining ground against other nations in reading, math, and science, but it's not because their performance is improving.

**Immigration policies' impact on families places educators on 'frontlines':** Congress is split on a solution, and districts are caught in the crosshairs with a shortage of resources, educators told lawmakers Wednesday.

**How educators are diversifying esports:** School esports leagues are allowing students with learning differences and English-language learners to do extracurricular activities with their peers in general education.