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**CEC Statement on Report Recommending Waivers Under Key Education Laws**
Earlier this week, CEC Executive Director Chad Rummel responded to the U.S. Department of Education's report to Congress requesting targeted waivers during the COVID-19 crisis.

**Co-Teaching Quick Takes from Dr. Marilyn Friend**
In two NEW CEC Quick Takes, Dr. Marilyn Friend talks where we're at in co-teaching. How is it changing in virtual environments? What different decisions do co-teachers need to make? And, how are other co-teachers making it work today?

**Resources for Teaching Remotely During COVID-19**
We are constantly adding to our Resources for Teaching Remotely webpage, so make sure you bookmark it and check back for updates! From resource links to free CEC webinars for teachers AND administrators, we've got you covered with the latest resources and information.

**Take Action**

**Secretary DeVos Submits Waiver Requests to Congress**
On Monday evening, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos submitted a request to Congress for temporary waiver authority during the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more about the report and CEC’s response.
Bipartisan Senators Release IDEA Principles for COVID-19 Response

Last week, Senators Bill Cassidy (R-LA) and Chris Murphy (D-CT) wrote to Secretary DeVos outlining bipartisan principles they believe should guide any temporary waivers granted under IDEA during the COVID-19 crisis. Here’s what you can do to make sure our stories are heard.

Fresh Off the Forum

Conversations from the CECCommunity

The CECCommunity All-Member Forum is an exclusive online space for members to ask questions, share resources, and come together to improve their practice. ICYMI, here are some of the posts our community shared this week:

- Staying in touch with parents and students
- Early childhood goal ideas

Journal Articles of the Week

AT for Writing: Technology-Based Graphic Organizers With Embedded Supports

This article in *TEACHING Exceptional Children* looks at a digitally based graphic organizer, WEBO TBGO, as a helpful tool for assisting students to systematically plan and organize their writing ideas.

Maltreatment Profiles of Child Welfare-Involved Children in Special Education: Classification and Behavioral Consequences

In this study from *Exceptional Children*, researchers investigate the maltreatment profiles of child welfare-involved children in special education and examined how these profiles influenced their internalizing and externalizing behaviors.
CEC 2021

Extended Deadline for the CEC 2021 Call for Proposals
As we navigate this unprecedented time, CEC is pleased to extend the Call for Proposals for the CEC 2021 Convention & Expo from April 30 to June 1, 2020. We are all working together and hope the deadline extension is helpful. Learn more about submitting a proposal today!

Justification Toolkit
While we may be social distancing, we’re already dreaming about our community coming together at CEC 2021 in Baltimore, MD, next March. In fact, we’re so excited that we put together this Justification Toolkit to help you start convincing the powers that be why you absolutely HAVE TO attend this event.

HLPs in Action
ICYMI: Get a Deal on the Entire 2020 HLP Webinar Series
For our 2020 webinar series, we've tapped the experts to help you implement some of the most important High-Leverage Practices (HLPs) with your students. While you can register for each live webinar individually, did you also know you can get the whole series for a discounted rate? Learn more and check out the deal!

Free Online Guide for Professional Development
Speaking of the HLPs, did you know we have a FREE guide with tools and activities for professional development about high-leverage practices in special education? Check out the reflection worksheets, download PowerPoint slides, or explore session ideas. The guide is all about helping special educators leverage the HLPs to enhance student learning.

CEC Reads
Countdown to “IEPs: Policy to Practice”
Next week, the latest issue of our research-to-practice journal, TEACHING Exceptional Children, will be hot off the press and available for members to access online. From making legally sound placement decisions to measuring progress, this special issue will take a deep dive into what special educators need to know about IEPs.
The New Special Education Teachers Induction Toolkit

As a new special educator, it’s hard to ever truly feel prepared. That’s why we curated a multimedia toolkit to help new special education teachers manage their classrooms and improve student outcomes. Use it for professional development, coaching, and/or continuing education throughout the school year!

Get Involved

Apply for CEC’s Student and Early Career Committee

New to the field (or about to be)? With the wide range of challenges facing early-career and future special educators, CEC’s Student and Early Career Committee acts as a conduit between CEC and this critical group – and we need your perspective and voice to help us out!

Share Your Voice on the Representative Assembly

Make a difference in the future of CEC and the field by representing your CEC state/provincial unit or division. From now through May 18, 3pm ET, applications are being accepted for two positions on CEC’s Representative Assembly (RA) Committee. Learn more about the application requirements today!

On-Demand Webinar:
Connecting Behavior & Academics

Learn how social-emotional behavior assessments within MTSS help guide interventions and support student success. Watch the webinar now.

Upcoming Events

Division for Early Childhood Annual Conference
Minneapolis, MN | October 20-23

2020 Annual Ontario CEC Special Education Conference
Toronto, ON | November 27-28
Interim COVID-19 Response Bill Signed into Law: On Tuesday, President Trump signed a $484 billion package aimed at providing additional relief to hospitals and small businesses struggling to stay afloat during the COVID-19 crisis.

Secretary DeVos Forgoes Waiving Disability Law Amid School Closures: Check out this article from NPR with 2020 CEC Teacher of the Year, Dr. Kelly Grillo.

Education Department Announces Availability of $13.2 Billion in Emergency Relief for K-12 Schools: The U.S. Department of Education announced that $13.2 billion in funds are now available to state and local education agencies.

Right-to-Education Ruling Jolts Education-Advocacy World: The decision by a federal appeals court recognizing the right to a basic minimum education may be felt far beyond the substandard Detroit schools underlying it, but hurdles could remain.

Education Department Announces Rethink K-12 School Models Grants, Including Vouchers: On Monday, the U.S. Department of Education announced the availability of $180 million for the Rethink K-12 School Models Grant, as part of the CARES Act funding for K-12 passed by Congress last month.

Returning to school buildings in the fall will be complicated. In some places, it’s far from clear it will happen.: School leaders nationwide are considering what schools will look like when and if they reopen in the fall -- including measures to
ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors.

**E-Rate Bill Introduced in the U.S. House:** On Tuesday, Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) introduced a bill that would provide $2 billion in emergency funding to the E-Rate program to support distance learning, including Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers, and other technology.

**Schools Lean on Staff Who Speak Students' Language to Keep English-Learners Connected:** During the coronavirus shutdown, schools are using new ways to keep English-language learners connected with their schools and teachers.

**GAO Finds “Significant” Quality Issues with Education Departments’ Seclusion and Restraint Data:** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) analysis of the U.S. Department of Education data collection for incidents of seclusion and restraint finds they are “largely ineffective or do not exist.”

**Here’s How Many Teaching Jobs Could Be Lost in Each State in a COVID-19 Recession:** Almost 320,000 teaching jobs could be lost if states cut their education budgets by 15 percent in a coronavirus-inflicted recession, a new analysis has found.