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The [Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative](#) is a network of special and general education leaders working together to improve outcomes for students with disabilities in the nation's urban schools.

FALL MEETING - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative
Fall Member Meeting
October 27-29, 2010



Registration is Open!!

A very rich program is taking shape for our Fall Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina, late this month and we are looking forward to seeing you all there! The primary topical focus for our Fall Meeting is "Clearing the Path to Graduation for Students with Disabilities in Urban Schools."

At this meeting, we will be exploring the policies and practices that some of our Member School Districts have implemented at the classroom, school, and school district levels that have led to increases in school completion and graduation. Our pre-meeting Consultancy Sessions on Wednesday afternoon, October 27th, will allow us to support our host, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, in dealing with two dilemmas. Dr. Alexa Posny, Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education, will give our Opening Session keynote on Thursday afternoon.

Please register for this event online at our newly redesigned website, www.urbancollaborative.org. If you have any questions about registration, or need your login information,

please contact Stephanie Stroman at sstroman@edc.org.

Join urban school district leaders from across the country for this remarkable event. We look forward to seeing you in Charlotte!

NEW MEMBER DISTRICT

Kent School District

The Collaborative is pleased to welcome our newest member, Kent School District. The Kent School District is located in Kent, Washington and is the fourth largest school district in the state. The total district enrollment is comprised of 25,271 students. Our member contact for this district is Ms. Kim Halley, Executive Director of Inclusive Education.

Please visit <http://www.kent.k12.wa.us> for more information.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITY



The National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities (NDPC-SD) is expanding its solicitation requests from state departments of education to urban districts interested in receiving intensive technical assistance (TA) to help them (1) design and implement effective dropout prevention, re-entry, and school-completion models and practices and (2) develop training activities for policy-makers, administrators, and practitioners that will help them support effective models and promising practices to improve dropout prevention, re-entry, and school completion for students with disabilities.

Information and an application is available at [this link](#).

NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION IS OCTOBER 12.

NEW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DATA SITE

ED DATA EXPRESS

The US Department of Education has recently announced "[ED Data Express](#)" - a website with tools to access data for states across the country that is designed to improve the public's ability to access and explore high-value state-level education data collected by the U.S. Department of Education and allows users to access and explore elementary and secondary education data and currently includes state-level data on student demographics, academic performance, accountability, and funding.

The site is designed to be interactive and to present the data in a clear, easy-to-use manner, with options to download information into Excel or manipulate the data within the Web site. The site currently includes data from *EDFacts*, Consolidated State Performance Reports (CSPR), State Accountability Workbooks, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP), the College Board, and the Department's Budget Service office. These data may be useful to you for a number of purposes including comparative analysis and grant development.

ACCESSIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL

The [National Center of Accessible Instructional Materials](#) has developed the [AIM Navigator](#), the latest in a series of tools developed under the auspices of the AIM Consortium, and available at the National AIM Center website! The AIM Navigator is an interactive online tool that facilitates the process of decision-making about accessible instructional materials for an individual student. The Navigator consists of a series of guiding questions to assist teams with decision-making about need, selection, acquisition, and use of accessible instructional materials.

INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS NETWORK



INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK 2010

2010 Celebration Kit and Promotional Products Ready to Order!

Inclusive Schools Week will be celebrated in schools and classrooms around the world on December 6-10, 2010. The Collaborative would like to encourage its members to show their support of the Week by ordering the 2010 Celebration Kit and promotional products for your District.

Highlights of the 2010 Celebration Kit

"Moving From Awareness to Action": A feature activity that includes resources aimed at helping schools to get organized, motivated and ready to implement policies and practices that will support their move toward being more inclusive.

Celebration Ideas: Fun and educational ideas for promoting inclusive strategies in the classroom, school and community at tiered levels of implementation.

Think Global: Ideas for learning about and connecting with inclusive schools across the globe.

Inclusive Education Resources: Web-based resources aimed at promoting inclusive practices.

Media Kit: The tools you will need to promote Inclusive Schools Week in your community.

The Celebration Kit can be purchased by download, CD Rom and a limited number of colorful Print Versions will be available.

Inclusive Schools Week 2010 Promotional Products:

With the logo, "Great Things Happen in Inclusive Schools," our products send a message that your school values inclusive education. Consider enhancing your ISW celebration by purchasing these colorful and fun items that teachers, families and kids love.

Travel Mugs and Crayon Sets with our new colorful logo
Posters, stickers, pens, pencils, bookmarks and More!

Visit www.inclusiveschools.org to see samples of the products and to order your supplies now. Please note that your purchase supports both the Inclusive Schools Network and the Federation for Families of Children with Special Needs.

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