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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 MEMBER MEETING

Reducing Disproportionality & Expanding Inclusive Practices Through Systems Redesign November 4-7, 2015

Be on the lookout for an invitation to register for our Fall 2015 Member Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota! The meeting will be held at The Marriott City Center from November 4-7 and the primary topical focus is "Reducing Disproportionality & Expanding Inclusive Practices Through Systems Redesign." This meeting will provide opportunities for Collaborative Members and Associates to learn from districts who have made strides in bringing about positive system-wide changes relative to educational equity and opportunity for all students.

As with all of our meetings, our Fall Meeting will provide many opportunities for participants to network with one another and share emerging best practices. Given the timeliness and importance of the topic, I encourage you to invite your general education colleagues to join you for this meeting.

If you have any questions about registration, or need your login information, please contact Pilar Miranda at pmiranda@edc.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis in the fall!



WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

The Center for Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning

In preparation for the Collaborative's Fall Member Meeting, we will be sharing resources that are related to our topic: "Reducing Disproportionality & Expanding Inclusive Practices Through Systems Redesign." This month we are featuring the [The Center for Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning](#). The Center exists "to make cultural responsiveness a meaningful aspect of everyday life. Being culturally responsive is an approach to living life in a way that practices the validation and affirmation of different cultures for the purposes of moving beyond race and moving below the surface focus on culture." The aim is to sway school communities, professional communities, and the general public to become culturally responsive in all that they do.

HOT TOPIC UPDATE

The Racial Imbalances of Special Education

In our last issue of CollabNews, we highlighted a [controversial report](#), that investigated whether minority children attending U.S. elementary and middle schools are disproportionately represented in special education. The report concluded that blacks and latinos are underrepresented in special education programs. Atlantic Magazine has [published an article](#) looking at the controversy that the study has generated.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Executive Director, Exceptional Student Education & Student Support Services Broward County (FL) Public Schools

The Broward County Public Schools has [posted an advertisement for the position of Executive Director, Exceptional Student Education & Student Support Services](#). This position supervises over 400 full-time and/or part-time employees. The position oversees the following District

departments and/or programs: Exceptional Student Education; Medicaid; Psychological Services; Section 504 Services; The Multi-agency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET); Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resource System (FDLRS); and Florida Inclusion Network (FIN).

REPORT

Helping Principals Focus on Teaching and Learning

[Making Time for Instructional Leadership](#), a new three-volume report commissioned by the Wallace Foundation, describes how about 700 schools around the nation are using the "SAM process", an approach to helping principals focus on improving instruction in their classrooms by reducing the amount of time they spend on building management and day-to-day administration. The report is by a team of researchers from Vanderbilt University and the University of Pennsylvania.

NEW MEMBER DISTRICT



Washoe County School District

Please join us in welcoming the Washoe County School District as a returning member to the Collaborative!

Washoe County School District is located in Reno, NV and serves approximately 62,424 students. Dr. Byron Green, Chief Student Services Officer, is the member. Joining him are Associate Members Mr. Frank Selvaggio, Executive Director of Student Support Services, and Ms. Jenny Ricci, Executive Director of Student Support Services. To learn more about the Washoe School District, please [visit their website here](#).

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