

# Welcome to CollabNews

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## URBANCOLLABORATIVE

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### TO THOSE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY

The Urban Collaborative sends our thoughts and prayers to all those in Texas affected by Hurricane Harvey. To Urban Collaborative members in Texas, please know that you have a community of people across the country there to support you. To this end, if you have a message you want to send to Urban Collaborative members in Texas or if anyone in Texas wants to send out a message to Urban Collaborative members, use this email [UrbanCollaborative@edc.org](mailto:UrbanCollaborative@edc.org) and we will make sure it happens.



### CHARLOTTESVILLE: ADDRESSING RACISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM



The Urban Collaborative also sends our thoughts and prayers to all those affected by the current wave of racist and anti-Semitic acts in Charlottesville and elsewhere. As those who stand for students with disabilities in urban districts we are intimately aware of what this kind of hate and injustice does to children. To this end, from the [We Are Teacher's](#) website, we are sharing [Charlottesville Curriculum Resources for Teachers](#) with information on important background knowledge, ideas for teaching tolerance and ways to help students have hope. We also want to share with you a new article from The Atlantic titled [How School children Will Cope With Hurricane Harvey](#).

Many educators also know what it is like to have to teach tolerance to their students while fending off personal attacks. It is our hope that we may build our community in ways that can support each other. To this end, we are sharing a link to novelist, essayist, and political activist James Baldwin's [A Talk to Teachers](#), a piece that he wrote in 1963 that you might find relevant to what you are experiencing today. We look forward to seeing everyone at our November meeting in Seattle where we will find more ways of collaboratively connecting and rejuvenating.

## REGISTER NOW FOR OUR FALL 2017 MEMBER MEETING



Registration is now open for our Fall 2017 Member Meeting!

[Click here to register.](#)

Hosted by: *Seattle and Tacoma Public Schools*

Theme: *Ensuring High Quality Supports and Services*

November 1-3, 2017  
Fairmont Olympic Hotel  
Seattle, Washington

[Click here to submit a proposal](#) to present your district's work in our Concurrent sessions. Let others know the work you are doing in your district to prepare and support your staff, how you connect compliance and instruction, and in general, how you problem-solve to create high quality supports and services.

## TACKLING SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER SHORTAGES

In Washington state, a [new law](#) passed in July aims to shrink the special education teacher shortage by providing an easier path to teaching certification for paraeducators, also known as instructional aides or teacher assistants. To learn more take a look at the latest [article in EdWeek](#).



## DYSLEXIA GUIDANCE ROLLED OUT IN CALIFORNIA

California has recently joined the majority of states in developing guidance on practices related to Dyslexia. See [EdSource's article](#) describing California's path to developing their guidance and here, you can read [California Dyslexia Guidelines](#). To be linked to all state laws related to dyslexia, see [Dyslexia's information site](#). (Note: California's guidance is not yet listed in this document.)



## WEBINAR: ASSESSMENT AND ENGLISH LEARNERS

Check out the Council for Exceptional Children's Webinar:  
**What's Different in the Special Education Assessment Process for  
English Learners?**

A Live Webinar: Wednesday, Sept. 9, 4-5 p.m. ET



## TOOL: EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING

**A Day in the Life of a Child with Executive Functioning Issues**



Here is a parent and student-friendly infographic from [Understood](#) that gives an insightful look into what aspects of executive functioning a child might use throughout their day.

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER DISTRICT



Clover Park School District is located in Lakewood, WA, and serves approximately 12,811 students. We welcome Michaela Clancy, Director of Special Education, as our lead member. To learn more about Clover Park School District, please visit the website [here](#).

## SPRING 2018 MEMBER MEETING

CO-HOSTED BY:  
SAN ANTONIO ISD  
NORTHSIDE ISD  
NORTH EAST ISD

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**MAY 2-4, 2018**

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The logo for Urban Collaborative, featuring a stylized city skyline with green trees and a blue sky.

## CONTRIBUTE YOUR IDEAS!

In an effort to invite more collaboration and participation to bridge policy, research, and practice in urban special education, CollabNews will give member's the opportunity to submit articles, research, and news related to special education and/or your district to be published in CollabNews. If you would like to submit material for upcoming issues, please click the link below to fill out a short form and we will contact you!

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