

Welcome to CollabNews

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Spring Member Meeting 2018

We are looking forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

Read the program book that contains everything you want to know about the meeting.

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Keynote: [LeDerick Horne](#)

Eye-to-Eye

[Eye to Eye](#) is a national organization focused on the full inclusion of those with learning disabilities and ADHD in and out of school. Working with 120 schools in 20 states, Eye to Eye is creating a network of mentors by and for those with disabilities. Start an Eye to Eye mentoring group in your district. You can speak with members who will be at the meeting in San Antonio.

Teacher Strikes on the Rise!

Are teachers on the frontline of the push to increase public school spending and salaries? Will these actions influence upcoming elections? Read UCLA Professor Pedro Noguera's commentary [What's at Stake in the Teachers' Strikes?](#) and this Wall Street Journal's article [Why Teachers' Strikes Are Becoming a Nationwide Movement](#) to better understand the strikes that have happened in West Virginia and Oklahoma and may soon occur in Kentucky and Arizona. Read also EdWeek's detailed reporting:



- 4.26.18 ['Today Will Forever Be Remembered': Teacher Walkouts Have Begun in Arizona and Colorado](#)
- 4.23.18 [Some Colorado teachers vote to strike; state could step in](#)
- 4.23.18 [Teacher absences after strike vote closes 2 Pueblo schools](#)
- 4.23.18 [Will Colorado Teachers Go on Strike? Lawmakers Are Worried](#)
- 4.20.18 [Arizona Teachers Will Go on Strike Next Week](#)
- 4.18.18 [Kentucky Teacher Responds to Pension Changes: The Teaching Profession Is 'Under Attack'](#)

Will the FDA Finally Block Shock Devices Used at the Judge Rotenberg Center?



There is only one place left in the country known to use electric shock devices to modify students' behavior; the Judge Rotenberg Center in Canton MA. Read about the practice that some have described as torture where electrodes are attached to students' skin to deliver electric shocks in order to modify behavior. In 2016 the FDA drafted regulations to ban contingent shock, but has yet to implement them. Read [Will The FDA Ban Shock Devices Used On Those With Special Needs?The](#)

[School of Shock.](#)

New Data, Same Information: Student with Disabilities and African American Students Experience Disproportionate Rates of Discipline

Read the Center for Civil Rights Remedies' report [Disabling Punishment: The Need for Remedies to the Disparate Loss of Instruction Experienced by Black Students with Disabilities](#), a study prompted by the Department of Education's intention to delay implementation of the new IDEA regulations concerning racial disproportionality in special education, including suspension. This is also the first study of state-level loss of instructional time due to disciplinary actions for Black and White students with disabilities. For more information, you can also read the United States Government Accountability Office's (GAO) report [Discipline Disparities for Black Students, Boys, and Students with Disabilities](#).



Stagnant NAEP Scores for Student with Disabilities and Growth in Urban Districts

The recent National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) data shows limited improvements in closing the performance gap between students with and those without disabilities. At the same time, NAEP scores for large urban school districts have increased at a faster rate than the nation as a whole. For more information, read [Scores Stagnant For Students With Disabilities on 'Nation's Report Card'](#) and [NAEP: Urban School Districts Improving Faster Than the Nation](#).



NEW DISTRICTS

Edgewood Independent School District is located in San Antonio, TX, and serves approximately 10,224 students. We welcome Jose Hinojosa, Director of Special Education, as our lead member. To learn more about Edgewood ISD, [please visit the website here.](#)



Humble Independent School District is located in Humble, TX, and serves approximately 43,000 students. We welcome Henry Phipps, Executive Director of Educational Support Services, as our lead member and joining her are Thelissa Edwards and Angela Pomberg. To learn more about Humble ISD [please visit the website here.](#)



Springfield Public Schools is located in Springfield, MA, and serves approximately 32,100 students. We welcome Patricia Burns, Acting Executive Officer of Special Education and Related Services, as our lead member. To learn more about Springfield Public Schools, [please visit the website here.](#)



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