

Welcome to CollabNews

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Leading Equitable & Inclusive Education

Time to Register for the Spring 2018 Meeting

Register for the Member Meeting

The Urban Collaborative and Broward County Public Schools are getting excited to see you in November! Come meet with your colleagues and hear our keynote, filmmaker Dan Habib.

Learn more at the [Urban Collaborative Event Page](#).

SAVE THE DATE

Hosted by Broward
County Public
Schools

**NOVEMBER 14-16, 2018
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Call for Presentations

LeDerick Horne Spotlited at Urban Collaborative Meeting

Watch this video created by [Understood](#) about poet and disability rights activist LeDerick Horne. Much of the footage is from our member meeting in San Antonio!



Transition for Students with Disabilities – Trump’s Executive Order

The Trump administration is taking steps to change the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act*, which includes regulations to steer people with disabilities to jobs where they work alongside those without disabilities. Stay tuned for a notice of proposed rule-making in September and guidance on how to make your voice heard.

- [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act](#)
- [Executive Order](#)
- Read the Wall Street Journal article: [Companies Commit to Job Training in White House Initiative](#)
- EdWeek’s Christina Samuels on the Executive Order: [Trump Team May Change Rules on Jobs for Students With Disabilities](#)

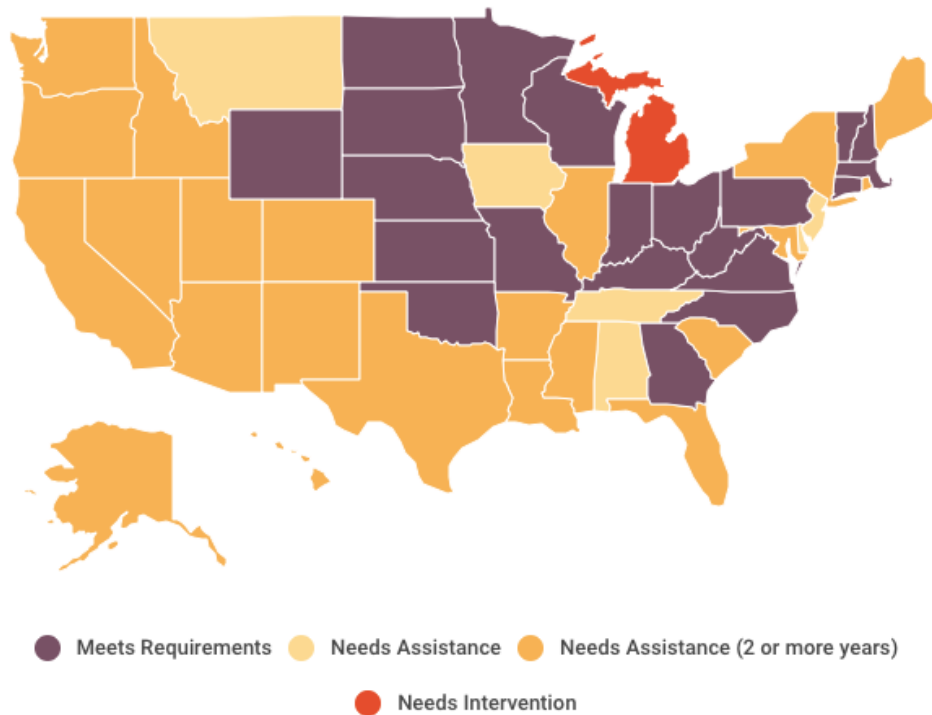


Over Half of All States Not Meeting Federal Special Education Mandates

These articles explain how more than half of all states are not meeting federal special education mandates for the 2016-17 SY. Look through OSEP's [Grads360](#) to see the scores and evaluations for your own state.

Read more here:

- [EdWeek: *Majority of States Fall Short on Special Education Compliance, Ed. Dept. Says*](#)
- [Disability Scoop: *When It Comes To Special Ed, States Largely Deficient*](#)
- [Education Drive: *Report: Most states fail to comply with federal special ed mandates*](#)



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education

Plastic Straw Bans – Good for the Environment, but Issues with Accessibility

The issue with plastic straws is not just about the environment. How do we address accessibility? Read here to learn about how straws provide access to drinks in coffee houses and restaurants. What are some options that can address environmental issues and accessibility?

- [Why People With Disabilities Want Bans On Plastic Straws To Be More Flexible](#)
- [Starbucks Responds To The Backlash From Their Plastic Straw Ban Announcement](#)
- [Plastic Straw Ban Moves Forward in San Francisco](#)



School Shooting Prevention Guidance

The Secret Service has just released a guide for schools to create a violence prevention plan using a threat assessment model. Read the guide and several articles about this work. Also read Lauren's interview on how inclusive practices support school safety.

- Report released by the Secret Service: [Enhancing School Safety Using A Threat Assessment Model](#)
- EdWeek: [There's No Single Profile of a Violent Student, Secret Service Says in New Report](#)
- WSJ: [Secret Service Issues Guide Aimed at Preventing School Shootings](#)
- ABC News: [Secret Service rolls out new ways to identify and stop student attackers](#)
- Urban Collaborative's Dr. Lauren Katzman: [How Inclusive Practices Support School Safety](#)



Brett Kavanaugh as Supreme Court Appointment



Learn more about disability right's activists' concerns that Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh could weaken federal protections for people with disabilities.

- [Trump Nominates Brett Kavanaugh, Son of a Teacher, for U.S. Supreme Court](#)
- [Disability Groups Leery Of Trump Supreme Court Nominee](#)
- [A dig through Kavanaugh's record on education finds plenty of material](#)

New Member Districts

Mesquite Independent School District is located in Mesquite, TX, and serves approximately **41022** students. We welcome Kim Johnson, Executive Director of Special Education, as our lead member and joining her is Shannon Price. To learn more about Mesquite ISD, [please visit the website here.](#)



Franklin Pierce Schools is located in Tacoma, WA, and serves approximately **8027** students. We welcome John Sander, Executive Director of Learning Support Services, as our lead member. To learn more about Franklin Pierce Schools, [please visit the website here.](#)



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