Immigration Policies Affect Students and Teachers

The Trump administration's immigration policies are having an effect on students with disabilities and teachers. There is evidence that parents who are not U.S. citizens are fearful of applying for government programs, such as special education services. Also, teachers who have visas to work are concerned that at any time, they may need to leave the country. Read these articles below for more information:

- Disability Scoop - Fearing Deportation, Parents Declining Benefits For Kids With Disabilities
- The 74 Million - Anxiety Looms for Thousands of Migrant Teachers as Trump Administration Pushes ‘Zero Tolerance’ Enforcement of Visa Program
Educators Denounce Immigration Policies

Educators opposed to recent immigration policies are making their voices heard! Read these articles for more information:

- EdWeek: Teachers Condemn Family Separations at the Border as ‘Child Abuse’
- AERA: Statement by AERA Executive Director Felice J. Levine on the Trump Administration’s Detainment of Immigrant Children
- EdWeek: Now Is the Time for Superintendents to Get Political

Will the White House Merge the Departments of Education and Labor?

The White House has proposed merging the Departments of Education and Labor. To learn about the proposal and possible outcomes, read The Reform Plan and press below:

- Executive Office of the President - Delivering Government Solutions in the 21st Century: Reform Plan and Reorganization Recommendations
- NPR - White House Proposes Merging Education And Labor Departments
- EdWeek - Four Things to Know About Trump's Plan to Merge Education, Labor Departments
- EdWeek - Trump Officially Proposes Merging U.S. Departments of Education, Labor
Department of Education Sued for Lack of Response to Discrimination Complaints

The National Federation of the Blind, Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, and the NAACP are suing the Department of Education and Betsy DeVos for failing to address discrimination complaints.

- ProPublica - DeVos Has Scuttled More Than 1,200 Civil Rights Probes Inherited From Obama
- Disability Scoop - Ed Department Sued Over Handling Of Disability-Related Complaints
- The Root - The NAACP Sues Betsy DeVos and the Department of Education for Abandoning Discrimination Complaints
Absenteeism

Read this NCEO brief *Students with Disabilities and Chronic Absenteeism* for information about chronic absenteeism and the possible implications for students with disabilities.
Social Emotional Learning

Here are Some Resources to Use in Preparing for the New School Year!

Read: Education Week’s Spotlight on Social Emotional Learning

Watch: Social-Emotional Learning Strategies, Explained in Three Minutes
Parent, Advocate: One Mom's Story About Advocating for Her Daughter

Take a moment to read Parents, Advocates: One Mom’s Story About Advocating for Her Daughter, a powerful piece written by Melanie Perkins McLaughlin. In this article, Melanie describes how she has navigated her daughter Grace’s entrance into the world and through the complex process of providing an effective and inclusive education for a child with a disability.

New Member Districts

San Bernardino City USD is located in San Bernardino, CA, and serves approximately 51,653 students. We welcome Dr. Rachel Monarrez, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, as our lead member and joining her are Mr. Michael Dominguez and Dr. Kennon Mitchell. To learn more about San Bernardino City USD, please visit the website here.

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