

Welcome to CollabNews

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Celebrating the Power of Students!



Photo: Jonny Yao

"The youth is the hope of our future." – Jose Rizal

Here is a collection from some of the coverage of the student-led March for Our Lives:

- NPR - [Photos: Students Make Their Stand At D.C.'s 'March For Our Lives'](#)
- The74 - [March For Our Lives Photos: Portraits of Students in Washington Taking to the Streets in Protest](#)
- The Washington Post - [‘The March Is Just The Start’: Parkland Students And Lawmakers Speak Out About Gun Violence](#)
- CNN - [How the Parkland Students Pulled Off A Massive National Protest In Only 5 Weeks](#)
- WBUR - [What Comes After The March For Our Lives?](#)
- EdWeek – [The 'March for Our Lives': A Timeline of Photos, Videos, and Tweets](#)

What Children's Trauma Looks Like Across the U.S.



In this Atlantic article, [*What Kids' Trauma Looks Like Across the U.S.*](#), and the Child Trends study, [*The Prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences, Nationally, by State, and by Race or Ethnicity*](#), from which the article is based, read about how race, location, and income level can determine how often children experience violence and trauma.

Delay of Disproportionality Regulations – Update



The delay of the implementation of the federal disproportionality regulations seems to be moving ahead. Read Touro College professor Catherine Kramarczuk Voulgarides' description of the effects of a delay in this Washington Post article [*Why DeVos's Plan to Delay Obama-era Rule on Minority Special-Education Students is a Mistake*](#) and Secretary DeVos' reasoning in the Disability Scoop article [*DeVos Defends Move To Delay Special Ed Rule*](#).

Federal Budget Increases Funds for Special Education and Directs Study on Restraint and Seclusion

The new federal spending bill includes an increase in special education funding and a directive to study restraint and seclusion in schools. Read these articles to learn more:

- [*President Trump Signs Spending Bill That Includes Billions More for Education*](#)
- [*Restraint and Seclusion Study Directive Included in New Budget Bill*](#)



Special Education in Charter Schools

While charter schools are enrolling more students with disabilities, there are enrollment differences based on the type of charter and the students' disabilities. Read this EdWeek article [Special Education Enrollment on Upward Trend in Charter Schools](#) and the National Center for Special Education in Charter Schools' study, [Key Trends in Special Education in Charter Schools: A Secondary Analysis of the Civil Rights Data Collection](#) to learn more.



Simply For Your Enjoyment!

Enjoy this version of [Carpool Karaoke](#) lip sync video developed for World Down Syndrome Day with mothers and their children singing "A Thousand Years."



Spring 2018 Member Meeting

LeDerick Horne Named as Keynote!

LeDerick Horne, an amazing author and poet will be the keynote speaker at our upcoming San Antonio meeting. Listen to LeDerick's poem Dare to Dream below and check out his [website!](#)



Town Hall

We are going to hold a special town hall at our meeting on gun violence, school safety, and the pushback on inclusive practices with the special education directors of Broward County Public Schools (where Marjorie Stoneham Douglas High School is located) and Chicago Public Schools. Don't miss this powerful session!

Here are some recent articles we have collected to help in thinking about these issues.

- ['You Have to Redefine Normal': Leading Schools In The Aftermath Of A Shooting](#)
- [Council For Exceptional Children Opposes Arming Teachers: Statement From Laurie VanderPloeg President, Council For Exceptional Children](#)
- [Most Teachers Do Not Want To Be Armed](#)
- [Student Activist On Guns In Schools](#)
- [Opinion: We Must Stop the Criminalization Of Mental Illness In Schools](#)
- [Student Voice: Don't Blame Autism For The Florida School Shooting](#)
- [I Tried To Befriend Nikolas Cruz. He Still Killed My Friends](#)

(Warning: Articles May Contain Sensitive Content)

Registration

Register by April 9th to take advantage of member-only rates for our Spring 2018 Member Meeting! Act now to get your airline tickets, member registration rates, and group hotel discounts!

[Click Here to Register](#)

Job Announcement

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) recently launched a plan to redesign the Louisiana Special School District (SSD) to become a model of excellence in serving students with disabilities. The SSD serves students enrolled in Louisiana's three special schools, The Louisiana School for the Deaf, the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired and the Louisiana Special Education Center as well as students enrolled in programs overseen by the Office of Youth Development, Office of Behavioral Health, Office Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, Department of Public Safety and Corrections and privatized facilities across the state.



As part of implementing this new vision the LDOE is looking for a leader to serve on the State Superintendent's executive team and oversee the SSD. The ideal candidate for this position has expert experience leading a school system through systemic change and has extensive experience working with students with low- incidence disabilities.

[View The Full Job Description Here](#)

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