

# Welcome to CollabNews

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## Fall 2018 Member Meeting



Thank you to our members, **Broward County Public Schools**, partners, sponsors, and our filmmaker Dan Habib for making the Ft. Lauderdale meeting a success! Participants were able to network with their colleagues, learn from each other, and watch the amazing new film *Intelligent Lives*.



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## New Films on Postsecondary Transitions by Dan Habib

Check out Dan Habib's newest films on postsecondary transitions! Each film shows effective transition processes and comes with a discussion guide to structure classroom discourse. The series of films include highlighting entrepreneurial programs, internships, paid summer employment, mentorship and inclusive education.

[Click here to check out the films!](#)



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## Inclusive Schools Week is Right Around the Corner!



Join the Inclusive Schools Network in celebrating Inclusive Schools Week! Inclusive Schools Week is an annual event sponsored by the Inclusive Schools Network (ISN) and [Stetson & Associates, Inc.](#), which is held each year during the first full week in December. Since its inception in 2001, Inclusive Schools Week has celebrated the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population, including students who are marginalized due to disability, gender, socio-economic status, cultural heritage, language preference and other factors. The Week also provides an important opportunity for educators, students and parents to discuss what else needs to be done in order to ensure that their schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children.

[Click here to check out resources available to you to celebrate this week.](#)

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## Parkland Students Awarded the Desmond Tutu International Peace Award



Survivors of the deadly shooting at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida were recently awarded the Desmond Tutu international peace award for leading a youth-led peaceful protest movement to end gun violence. [Read more about the award here.](#)

## Updates on Restraint and Seclusion

Federal legislation to decrease restraint & seclusion is back on the table as the "Keeping Student Safe Act." Stay up to date on legislation by reading the scoop [here.](#)

A three-year old lawsuit brought forth by the ACLU as finally settled this week after a school resource officer cuffed two elementary school students at the biceps after being called into calm them during an emotional outburst. Read more about this lawsuit [here.](#)



## FBI Records Spike in Disability-Related Hate Crimes



"There were 128 hate crime offenses reported during 2017 stemming from bias against those with disabilities, according to the FBI. That's up from 76 the previous year." Read a report on hate crimes involving people with disabilities [here.](#)

## Are Teachers Underpaid?

A global study by the Varkey Foundation found that most people around the world believe that teachers are underpaid. The results show the difference between perceived wages, actual wages and estimate actual wages- highlighting a gap in participant perception and reality. Learn more about the study [here](#).



**Spring 2019 Member Meeting!**  
We look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh!

A promotional banner for the Spring 2019 Member Meeting. The banner features the Urban Collaborative logo in the top left corner, which includes a stylized cityscape and the text "URBAN COLLABORATIVE Leading Equitable &amp; Inclusive Education". The main text reads "SAVE THE DATES" in large, bold, green letters. Below this, it says "SPRING 2019 - Member Meeting" and "May 1-3, 2019" in yellow, stylized font. The background of the banner shows a cityscape with a river and a bridge. There are three small inset images: a group of diverse children, a child writing at a desk, and a woman interacting with children. A quote by Nelson Mandela is featured: "The Power of Social and Emotional Learning: 'A Good Head and a Good Heart are Always a Formidable Combination' (Nelson Mandela)". The website "www.urbancollaborative.org" is listed at the bottom right, and the location "The Westin Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA" is at the bottom center.

## New Member Districts

**Newark Public Schools** is located in Newark, NJ, and serves approximately **42,356** students. We welcome Carolyn Granato, Executive Director of Special Education as our lead member and joining her is Marilyn Mitchell, Deputy Executive Director. To learn more about Newark Public Schools, [please visit their website here](#).



**Everett Public Schools** is located in Everett, WA, and serves approximately **20,437** students. We welcome Becky Clifford, Executive Director of Special Services as our lead member. To learn more about Everett Public Schools, [please visit their website here.](#)



**East Central ISD** is located in San Antonio, TX, and serves approximately **10,000** students. We welcome Nina Pugh, Director of Special Education as our lead member. To learn more about East Central ISD, [please visit their website here.](#)



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