Welcome to CollabNews  
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Time to register for the 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, speak on our theme *Inclusive Practices Belonging, Embracing, Sharing, and Celebrating!*

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

Presentation proposals are due this Sunday, September 30!

The Trump Administration is 'Rethinking' Special Education

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) has decided to 'rethink' special education, specifically, "OSERS will rethink anything and everything to ensure that we are in the best position to achieve our mission." What is your response to this? Let's talk about it at our November meeting. Read these articles to learn more.

- OSERS: Rethink Framework
- Disability Scoop: Trump Administration 'Rethinking' Special Ed
- EdWeek: Special Education Needs Rethinking, Says Top Education Department Official
Georgia’s Separate and Unequal Special-Education System

Read this powerful and timely New Yorker article on disproportionality and segregation of students with disabilities in Georgia. This is a perfect piece to use for a group read.

*Georgia’s Separate and Unequal Special-Education System: A statewide network of schools for disabled students has trapped black children in neglect and isolation.*

Keynote Dan Habib releases new film, *Intelligent Lives*

Read Disability Scoop’s review of Dan Habib's film, *Intelligent Lives*. We look forward to hearing from Dan in Ft. Lauderdale!

Disability Scoop: *New Documentary Questions IQ As A Measure Of Intelligence*
Neurodiversity in the Workplace

Dr. Hallowell explains ADHD using race cars! Share this video with students and families to help explain ADHD.

Computer Science for All

A leading group supporting the "computer science for all" push in U.S. schools wants everyone from vendors to investors to school districts to publicly commit to supporting improved accessibility for students with disabilities. Checkout the CSforALL Consortium and this article explaining their work

EdWeek: A Push to Make 'Computer Science for All' Accessible to Students With Disabilities
Is the Opioid Epidemic Creating More Disability?

A new study finds that infants who have had to withdraw from opioids have higher rates of disability diagnoses than those who have not had such a history. Read these articles for more information.

- EdWeek: Opioid Epidemic Raising Special Education Concerns
- Herchinger Report: Addiction counselors embed in schools dealing with the opioid crisis

New Member Districts

**Camas School District** is located in Camas, WA, and serves approximately 7,000 students. We welcome Allan Fleck, Director of Special Services, as our lead member. To learn more about Camas School District, please visit their website here.

**Federal Way Public Schools** is located in Federal Way, WA, and serves over 23,000 students. We welcome Ms. Catherine Reesman, Executive Director of Student Support Services, as our lead member and joining her is Dr. Jennifer Westover, Director of PreK/Elementary Special Education. To learn more about Federal Way Public Schools, please visit their website here.

**Mercer Island School District** is located in Mercer Island, WA, and serves approximately 4,700 students. We welcome Holly Bailey, Director of Special Services, as our lead member. To learn more about Mercer Island School District, please visit their website here.

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