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2016 Election Results

The nation has spoken; Donald J. Trump will be the 45th President of the United States. Incumbent Senator Richard Burr defeated Deborah Ross to retain his seat in the senate. Gubernatorial race results still hang in the balance; McCrory v. Cooper remains to close to call. NC U.S. House of Representative races; Republicans hold 10 of the 13 Congressional seats. The 114th Congress passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) that will extend through December 9th before recessing for the election. FY2017 appropriations will consume the greater part of the lame duck session.

Thanksgiving is upon us and that does not leave much time for congress to act on appropriations for FY2017. During this transition time, CEC will continue diligently fighting for increased appropriations for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the National Center for Special Education Research, and the Jacob Javits Gifted and Talented Act.

The American Association of People with Disabilities and The National Council on Independent Living presented the Trump campaign with questionnaires, seeking the President-elect's positions on a variety of special education issues. According to the Trump campaign, the President-elect will work to eliminate wasteful government programs and work with the 115th Congress on special education funding.

On the topic of exposing students with disabilities to rigorous academics, Trump said that these issues would be better left up to local school districts. Trump believes that the federal government's role in local public education should be limited in its scope. However, Mr. Trump does believe that the federal government has an obligation to protect the civil rights of all students with disabilities. The Trump campaign said that the President-elect's administration will protect every student's rights

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to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). President-elect Trump will consider appointing a cabinet-led task force on bullying. It still remains to be seen what the future will hold for the Department of Education. The President-elect's administration does plan to have a less expansive role for the Department of Education's office for Civil Rights.

On a local level, Representative Virginia Foxx of North Carolina is running to be chair of the House Education Committee. Rep. Foxx's top priority would be IDEA reauthorization. IDEA was last reauthorized in 2004. Trump has proposed earmarking 20 Billion in federal dollars and lobbying states to divert another 110 Billion into school choice. Increasing school choice would likely encompass moving around Title I dollars. Title I funding is the largest federal spending program in K-12. Many educators are wondering if Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) will replace No Child Left Behind (NCLB)?

Trump's campaign did suggest his administration intends on repealing Common Core. Its unclear what this intention truly means. Common Core is a state run program hence, rendering the executive office

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with no authority in the matter. However, the GOP will hold the majority in both the House and Senate giving the President-elect's administration ample opportunities to push through legislation that was once dead on arrival.

CEC's President Antonis Katsiyannis, stated, "Education investments and the development of sound policy are beneficial for children and youth with exceptionalities today and necessary for the nation's economic growth in the future." With this being said, CEC will continue fighting the good fight of working and advocating for children and youth with exceptionalities and the professionals who work on their behalf.



Tell Congress to Invest in Education Programs for Children with Exceptionalities NOW!

Congress is back in session after the election and the FY2017 appropriations bill is on their agenda among other important issues. The Congress approved a continuing resolution (CR) through December 9 before leaving Washington for the election. It is not clear the route to a final appropriations bill. Several options are being considered including: all "remaining" bills (mini-buses); mini-buses for some bills but a CR for the whole year for other bills; or another short-term CR until spring for all remaining bills, but it seems unlikely that President Obama would sign such a bill.

Whatever the path is to a final spending bill, WE NEED EVERY CEC VOICE to join this advocacy campaign and send a letter to all their members of Congress during the

final weeks of November. Our window of opportunity is short. The Continuing resolution ends on December 9, 2016. Both the House and Senate Appropriations proposed bills cut or level fund many special and gifted education programs. The House and Senate bills offer modest increases to IDEA Part B. Both bills level fund Part B Section 619 and Part C. The House bill proposes significant cuts to Part D Programs including: State Personnel Development, Technical Assistance and Dissemination, Personal Preparation and Technology and Media Services. If these programs are cut it is unlikely that there will be any new grant competitions in FY2017. Both bills level fund Research in Special Education Programs in NCSER and Javits Gifted and Talented Grants. These funding levels are far below the actual need.

TAKE ACTION! NOW is the time to tell your elected officials how important special and gifted education and early intervention funding is to you, children and youth, and your programs. Use CEC's [Legislative Action Center](#) to contact Congress - it only takes a few minutes!

[Write your members of Congress NOW!](#)



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<http://cqrcengage.com/cek/>

NC CEC's 30th Annual Conference

January 19-20, 2017

General Conference

“Making Waves in Education”

Hotel Information: Hilton Wilmington Riverside

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/I/ILMNCHF-CEC-20170117/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

A block of rooms have been reserved for January 17, 2017 - January 21, 2017. The special room rate of \$99.00 will be available until December 17th, or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.

If you prefer to make your reservations via telephone or after the posted on-line conference dates, you will have to call the hotel directly and ask for Reservations. They can be reached Monday through Friday between 8 am and 5 pm at (910) 763-5900. They will check availability and rates for you.

[Register Now!](#)

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