

# North Carolina CAN

## Children's Action Network

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### *Is your head spinning yet?*

President Trump first 100 days in office are officially in the books. According to The Brookings Institution, President Trump and his administration are trying to make good on list of promises outlined in President Trump's "Contract with the American Voter". The Trump administration intends on working with Congress to introduce the **School Choice and Education Opportunity Act**. This legislative measure would redirect education dollars, allowing parents the right to send their child to a school of their choice, ends common core, turns over education supervision to local districts, expands vocational and technical education, and makes 2 and 4-year college more affordable.

Needless to say, CEC's Policy & Advocacy team working overtime to devise a strategic plan to counter some of President Trump's unpopular education policies and actions. This edition of NC-CAN newsletter is dedicated to equipping NC-CEC members and affiliates with the necessary tools and resources needed to take action and stand with the children and youth with exceptionalities of North Carolina.

### *CEC President Mikki Garcia on President Trump's Budget*

Arlington, Va., March 17, 2017

**T**he Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) supports the continuation of the \$13 billion committed to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the law has been underfunded since 1975. CEC's president Mikki Garcia has expressed CEC's is disappointed in President Trump's budget, which proposes an overall 13 percent funding cut for education programs thereby, reducing access to quality public schools that provide opportunities for all children. Furthermore, CEC opposes the proposed funding of a private school voucher program and the adoption of Title I portability. CEC, in its Position on School Vouchers, opposes school vouchers for children and youth with disabilities as being contrary to the best interest of children and youth and their families, the public school system, local

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communities, and taxpayers. Vouchers both contradict and undermine the central purposes of civil rights laws designed to protect children and youth with disabilities. At a time when states, school districts, and early intervention programs across the country are under significant financial strain, President Trump's budget neglects an opportunity to answer the calls for greater federal support in key public education programs. CEC and its members look forward to working with Congress to correct this course as the FY 2018 budget process gets underway.

### **CEC's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Chart**

To learn more about Federal Funding for special and gifted education programs, as well as, CEC's recommendations and past funding levels click the link below:

<https://www.cec.sped.org/sitecore/shell/Controls/Rich Text Editor/~/media/Files/Policy/Current Sped Issues Home/FY 2018 Approps Chart.pdf>

### **Get connected with CEC's Issue Briefs and take ACTION!**

<http://www.cec.sped.org/Policy-and-Advocacy/Current-Sped-Gifted-Issues/Issue-Briefs>

### **Our Professional Policies and Positions**

<http://www.cec.sped.org/Policy-and-Advocacy/CEC-Professional-Policies>

### **Become familiar with the federal bills CEC is following. Click on each bill number to learn more!**

#### **Federal - HR 610**

A bill to distribute Federal funds for elementary and secondary education in the form of vouchers for eligible students and to repeal a certain rule relating to nutrition standards in schools.

Oppose

#### **Federal - HR 716**

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the use of 529 plans and Coverdell education savings accounts, and for other purposes.

Oppose

#### **Federal - S 148**

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition.

Oppose

#### Federal - HR 895

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for qualified elementary and secondary education tuition.

[Oppose](#)

#### Federal - HR 899

A bill to terminate the Department of Education.

[Oppose](#)

#### Federal - S 652

A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children.

[Support](#)

#### Federal - HR 1539

A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children.

[Support](#)

#### Federal - H Res 265

A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of April 24, 2017, through April 28, 2017, as National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Awareness Week.

[Support](#)



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

## **2017 Special Education Legislative Summit**

**July 9-12, 2017 Alexandria, Virginia and Washington, D.C.**

This is not your typical “sit and get” event. At the summit you will be briefed on the latest proposals under consideration by the Administration and Congress. We’ll guide you to make appointments with your Senators and Representatives, arm you with information that will resonate in Congress, and prepare you to tell your stories in a way that will have a lasting impact.

[CEC Special Education Legislative Summit](#)

**October 1-2, 2017**

NC Council for Administrators of Special Education

[\(CASE\) Conference](#)

**November 15-17, 2017**

[NC DPI Conference on Exceptional Children](#)

Koury Convention Center

Greensboro, NC

**January 16-19, 2018**

NC CEC 31st Annual Conference

Winston-Salem, NC

**February 7-10, 2018**

[National CEC Conference](#)

Tampa, FL

**April 13-17, 2018**

American Educational Research Association

[AERA Conference](#)

New York, NY



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