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North Carolina CAN

Your 2015 NCCEC Conference is HERE!!

2015 Annual NCCEC State
Conference

28th Annual North Carolina
Council for Exceptional
Children

State Conference **January
29-30, 2015**

Pre-Conference January **28,**
2015 Pinehurst Resort-
Pinehurst, NC

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Action ALERTS Current Legislation

Current Legislation: Key Bills in Congress

Elementary & Secondary Education Act/NCLB

S. 1094 - Strengthening America's Schools Act - Senate ESEA/NCLB Version 12 (1 I, 11 D) We **support** this legislation

H.R. 5 - Student Success Act - House ESEA/NCLB Version 14 (14 R) We **oppose** this legislation

Early Childhood

S. 1697 - Strong Start for America's Children Act - Senate Version 33 (1 I, 32 D) We **support** this legislation

H.R. 3461 - Strong Start for America's Children Act - House Version 138 (3 R, 135 D) We **support** this legislation

Gifted Education

S. 512 - TALENT Act - Senate Version 5 (2 R, 3 D) We **support** this legislation

H.R. 2338 - TALENT Act - House Version 6 (2 R, 4 D) We **support** this legislation

Special Education Funding

H.R. 4136 - IDEA Full Funding Act - House Version 29 (3 R, 26 D) We **support** this legislation

Higher Education

S. 1062 - Educator Preparation Reform Act - Senate Version 1 (1 D) We **support** this legislation

H.R. 2172 - Educator Preparation Reform Act - House Version 8 (8 D) We **support** this legislation

Education Research

H.R. 4366 - Strengthening Education through Research Act - House Version 15 (12 R, 3 D) – We **support** this legislation

What's Happening in North Carolina:



Take Action!

- [Urge your Senators & Representative to Increase IDEA Funding](#)
- [Urge your Senators to Support Funding for the Javits Gifted & Talented Students Act](#)
- [Urge Your Member of Congress to Support IDEA Full Funding](#)
- [Ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#)
- [Tell Congress to Invest in Programs for Children with Exceptionalities](#)
- [Urge Your Congressional Delegation to Co-Sponsor the TALENT Act](#)
CEC/NAGC Endorsed Legislation Charts New Course for Gifted, High-Ability Students

(Click on the links above and make your voice heard!)

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Governor Pat McCrory: Focused on improving North Carolina's education, he reconvened the Education Cabinet. The governor created a Teacher Advisory Committee for input on issues like compensation and over-testing. The Center for Safer Schools was established to protect North Carolina's students, and vocational training legislation was signed to give students greater educational pathways.

Governor McCrory Announces Appointee, Eric Davis of Mecklenburg County, to the State Board of Education December 23, 2014.

"Eric Davis has a strong background in education oversight, having previously served as chair of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education and on the CMS Superintendent's Standards Review Committee," said Governor McCrory.

"We look forward to his work on the Board and the valuable insights he has gleaned from one of the states largest school systems."

Davis was elected to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education in 2009 representing District 5, serving as chair of the Board from 2009-11. He is a senior vice president with Wells Fargo Corporate Real Estate Group.

Davis served as a combat engineer officer and Airborne Ranger in the U.S. Army. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He and his wife Adrienne have two children. Davis attended CMS schools growing up. Once seated, Davis will serve an unexpired term ending March 31, 2021. <http://p1.governor.nc.gov/newsroom/press-releases/20141223/governor-mccrory-announces-appointee-state-board-education>



Thom Tillis to take Senator Kay Hagen's place in the Senate. His position on education:

As a former PTA president, Thom understands the importance of education. Thom's leadership as Speaker resulted in the passage of a balanced budget that provides teachers with a historic 7 percent average salary increase, moving North Carolina from 46th to 32nd in the national rankings. Thom has been a strong advocate for charter schools and helped establish an opportunity scholarship program for lower income students. - See more at: <http://thomtillis.com/meet-thom/#sthash.4fzvPC8w.dpuf>

CEC has long advocated for Congress to fulfill its original pledge and fully fund IDEA. Currently, there are two bills we need your help! Congress has tough choices to make about what it should fund, and we want it to choose education. CEC has been working with Congress and the U.S. Department of Education to increase funding for gifted and talented programs and to increase funding for IDEA. Education funding is only 2% of the entire federal budget – this is why your voice can add so much.

YOU can help right now!

Encourage your senators and representatives to co-sponsor the IDEA full funding legislation (S. 1652 and H.R. 3578)

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