

# What's Happening in Washington?

1

## State of the States: Examining the Fiscal Climate and its Impact on Education

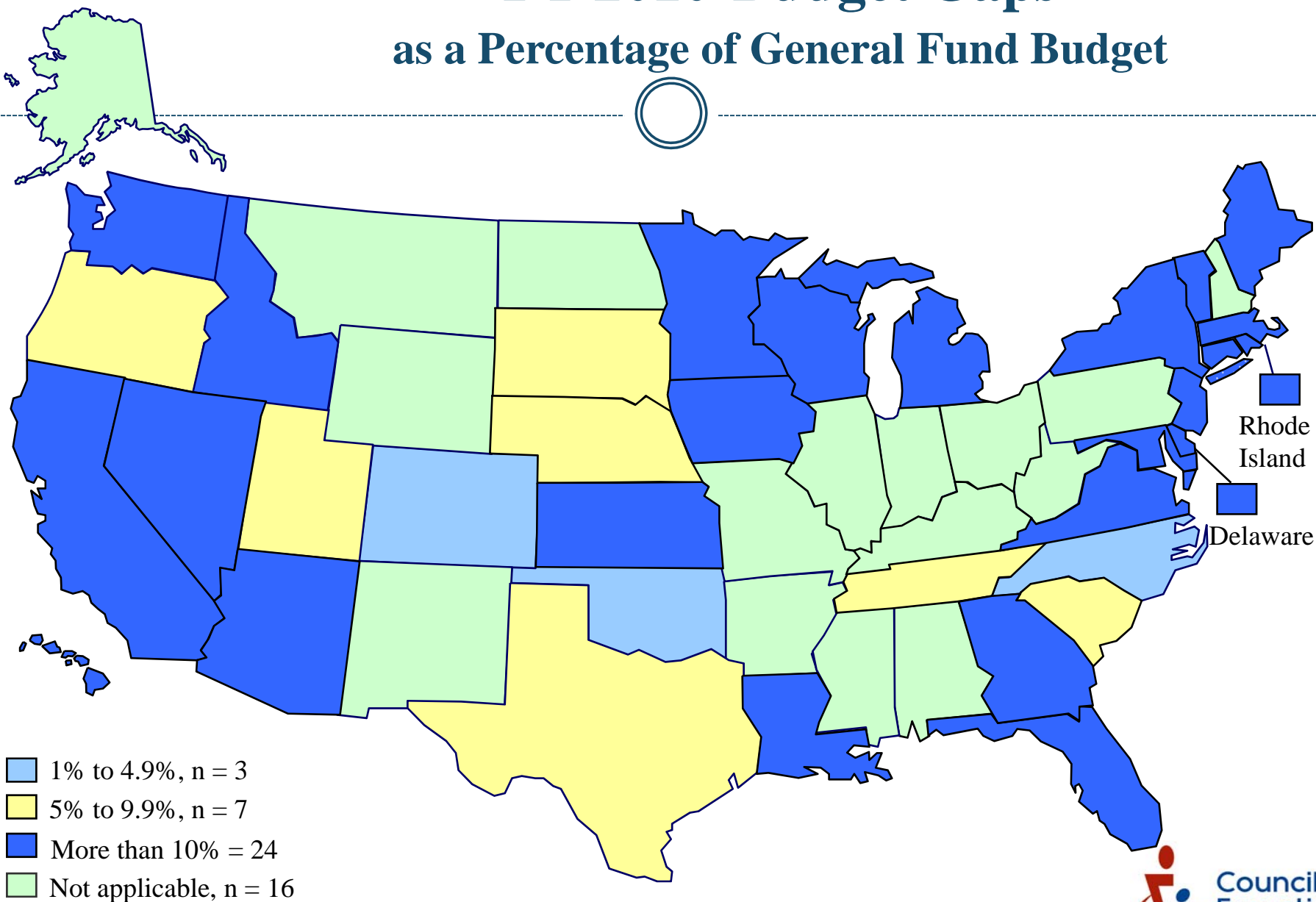
**CEC ANNUAL  
CONVENTION & EXPO  
APRIL 23, 2010**

# Today We Will Discuss...

2

- **Brief Overview of State Fiscal Crises and Impact on Education**
- **The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**
  - Brief Overview
  - Impact on Special Education
- **Funding for Special/Gifted Education in a Post-ARRA World**
- **CEC's Special/Gifted Education Funding Recommendations**

# FY 2010 Budget Gaps as a Percentage of General Fund Budget



Source: NCSL survey of state legislative fiscal offices, January 2009.

# State Fiscal Crises and Impact on Education

4

- Tax revenue continues to decline as a result of the recession and diminishing budget reserves, resulting in:
  - **29 States plus District of Columbia cutting K-12 education, including:**
    - ✦ CA: cuts of \$1.5 billion
    - ✦ GA: cuts totaling \$444 million
    - ✦ HI: teachers must take 17 days of furloughs; classes cancelled on furlough days
    - ✦ IL: cut funding for early childhood education by 10%; 10,000 children no longer eligible for program
    - ✦ MS: cuts of 5%
    - ✦ MA: cuts to mentoring, teacher training, services for students with disabilities and students with gifts and talents
    - ✦ NV: eliminated gifted and talented programs
  - **39 States cutting higher education**

\*Statistics courtesy of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

# State of the States: Examining Impact of Fiscal Climate on Education

5

- States report widespread recession; layoffs/rising unemployment; budget cuts...



- February 2009: Congress passes, President Obama signs into law American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (\$787 Billion Total)

# Federal Government Responds: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

6

## \$100 Billion Investment in Education

State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

- \$48.6 Billion to Fill Budget Gaps in States

Race to the Top

- \$4.36 Billion to Implement Education Reforms

IDEA

- \$12.2 Billion for Part B, 619, Part C in Formula Grants to States

Title I

- \$10 Billion in Formula Grants to States

# Impact of ARRA

7


- **\$12.2 Billion in Additional IDEA Funding for 2 Years:**
  - **\$11.3 Billion IDEA Part B**
  - **\$400 Million IDEA Part B Section 619**
  - **\$500 Million IDEA Part C**
- **Doubled IDEA Funding**
- **Largest Increase in IDEA Funding in History!**
- **32.4% of Full Funding – closest ever to 40% full funding!**
- **Recognition of severe under-funding over last 35 years**



# Impact of ARRA (cont.)

8

- IDEA funds could be used on any activity authorized by IDEA, such as:
  - **Hiring of staff**
  - **Professional development**
  - **Assistive technology**
  - **School-wide strategies, together with other funding streams (i.e. RTI, PBIS, UDL, etc.)**
  - **Improving data systems**



**Remember:  
Only 2 Year  
Investment.  
Investments  
Must be  
Sustainable!**

# Impact of ARRA (cont.)

9

- 300,000 education jobs funded by ARRA:
  - teachers, principals, librarians, and counselors
- Filled over \$34 Billion in state education shortfalls
- Prompted state legislatures to make changes to laws to become eligible for Race to the Top funds
  - Example: lifting charter school caps
  - Example: tying teacher pay to student achievement

# Impact of ARRA (cont.)

10

- Impact of IDEA's Maintenance of Effort Provisions
  - Allows reduction of local or state and local special education funds by 50% of any federal increase in special education
    - ✦ Hasn't been used before because prior to ARRA there was little federal increase in IDEA Part B monies → ARRA changed this dramatically
    - ✦ Local/state monies can only decrease if all targets are met on State Performance Plan. Concern that some states have changed their performance criteria to meet targets: AZ (+59%), MI (+43%), OH (+91%)

# Impact of ARRA (cont.)

11

- **Impact of IDEA's Maintenance of Effort Provisions**
  - ✦ **Implications for future:** local contribution is based on previous year's contribution, in conjunction with end of ARRA funding will result in lesser total local, state and federal contribution to special education
  - ✦ **44% of all LEAs plan to reduce their local contribution to special education**
    - **Wide range in decisions of local school districts to reduce local contribution to special education ranging from 14% in New York to 72% in Iowa**

# Addressing the “Funding Cliff”

12

- IDEA ARRA funds were awarded to states by late Fall 2009
- But ARRA funds were only a two-year commitment
- ARRA had somewhat contradictory goals:
  - Save jobs
  - Create only sustainable investments
- To address the cliff, CEC advocated for maintaining ARRA funding levels in IDEA as baseline for future years.



# Funding for Special/Gifted Education in Post-ARRA World

13

## President's FY 2011 Budget

Provided funding recommendations for major, formula grant programs

Set stage for Administration's ESEA reauthorization proposal

# Funding for Special/Gifted Education in Post-ARRA World (cont.)

14

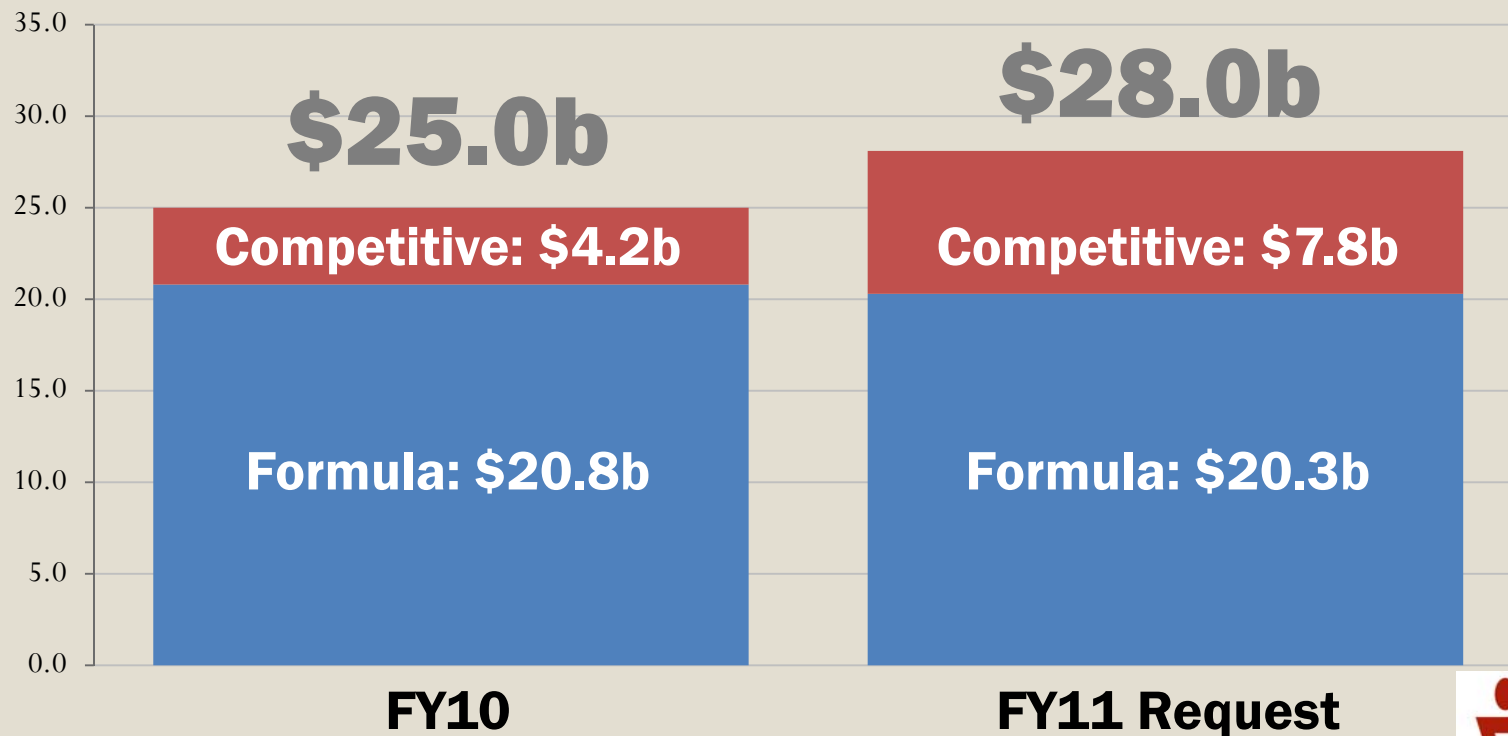
## IDEA:

- IDEA Part B serving school aged students: **\$250 million increase**
- IDEA Part C serving infants, toddlers, families: **Level Funded**
- IDEA Part B Section 619 serving preschool students: **Level Funded**
- IDEA Part D support programs: **Level Funded** (with exception of Technology and Media – **decrease of \$2.8 million**)

# Funding for Special/Gifted Education in Post-ARRA World (cont.)

15

- Competitive Grants Emphasized
  - ✓ Request for \$1.35 Billion for extension of Race to the Top
  - ✓ Request for “ESEA Sweetener” \$1 Billion upon completion of ESEA



\* Graph courtesy of the U.S. Department of Education

# Funding for Special/Gifted Education in Post-ARRA World (cont.)

16

Budget Outlined Administration's ESEA Reauthorization Overhaul:



**College- and  
Career-Ready  
Students**



**Great Teachers  
and Great  
Leaders**



**Meeting the  
Needs of Diverse  
Learners**



**A Complete  
Education**



**Successful, Safe  
and Healthy  
Students**



**Fostering  
Innovation and  
Excellence**

\* Chart courtesy of the U.S. Department of Education

# Funding for Special/Gifted Education in Post-ARRA World (cont.)

17

- Consolidation of programs to track ARRA's 4 core reform areas:

College- and career-ready standards and high quality, valid, and reliable assessments for all students, including ELLs and students with disabilities

Pre-K to higher education data systems that meet the principles in the America COMPETES Act

Teacher effectiveness and equitable distribution of effective teachers

Intensive support and effective interventions for lowest-performing schools

# Funding for Special/Gifted Education in Post-ARRA World (cont.)

18

- 38 Programs condensed into 11 new funding streams, including:
  - *College Pathways and Accelerated Learning: Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act + AP + National High School Drop Out Initiative (\$100 million)*
    - ✦ **Benefits:** First time ever President urged for expanded access to gifted and talented education at elementary/middle school levels
    - ✦ **Drawbacks:** Blueprint short on details; concerns that Javits will be overshadowed by AP, high school dropout initiative – two highly popular and costly programs

# CEC's Special/Gifted Education Funding Recommendations

19

- **Full Funding of ALL IDEA Programs:**
  - \$14,434,200,000 for Part B – School Aged Students with Disabilities
  - \$774,100,000 for Part B – Section 619: Preschool Students with Disabilities
  - \$939,427,000 for Part C – Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities
  - \$1,211,079,525 for Part D – Support Programs
- **Research in Special Education**
  - \$266 million
- **Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act**
  - \$20 million, increase of \$12.5 million

# Access Real Time Special/Gifted Education Policy News

20

- CEC Policy Insider Blog
- CEC Policy Insider Weekly Digest

Sign up today!

<http://cecblog.typepad.com/policy/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Council for Exceptional Children's Policy Insider blog. The header features the CEC logo and the text "Council for Exceptional Children" and "Policy Insider". Below the header, there are navigation links for Home, Archives, Subscribe, and Council for Exceptional Children. The main content area includes a welcome message and a post titled "Maryland State Department of Education Features Video on Myths of Gifted Education". The right sidebar contains a subscription form, a list of resources, and a calendar for April 2010.

**Introducing Your NEW and Improved Policy Insider!**

Welcome to the CEC Policy Insider Blog!

CEC is pleased to offer the Policy Insider in a new format — a regularly updated blog — as a complement to the weekly digest you've come to rely on. The CEC Policy Insider digest, which will come via e-mail every Wednesday, will be a round-up of stories from the blog, where you can always find news in its entirety. [Sign up for CEC's Policy Insider digest today!](#)

MD Dept. of Ed

Posted at 04:20 PM | [Permalink](#) | [Comments \(0\)](#)

04/06/2010

**Maryland State Department of Education Features Video on Myths of Gifted Education**

The Maryland State Department of Education has unveiled a powerful video debunking the myths of gifted education; rebutting misconceptions that students who are gifted will excel without addressing their unique learning needs. Spearheaded and performed by students, the [Top Ten Myths in Gifted Education](#) eight minute video provides insight into the challenges that many students with gifts and talents address in accessing services and supports.

[Continue reading "Maryland State Department of Education Features Video on Myths of Gifted Education" »](#)

Subscribe to this blog's feed

- CEC POLICY INSIDER
  - [About the blog](#)
  - [How to comment](#)
- CEC RESOURCES
  - [Reality 101 Blog](#)
  - [CEC's RTI Blog](#)
  - [CEC's Policy Insider Blog](#)
  - [Council for Exceptional Children Homepage](#)
  - [CEC's Policy and Advocacy Page](#)
  - [CEC SmartBrief](#)
- APRIL 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
- ARCHIVES
  - [April 2010](#)

# CEC CELEBRATES 35 YEARS OF IDEA



**Share Your  
Story!**

**Visit Booth  
637 in the  
Expo Hall**

**Special Educators  
Make a Difference!**

# REGISTER FOR RIGA

Register online at  
[www.cec.sped.org/riga](http://www.cec.sped.org/riga)  
*See you in Riga!*

11-14 JULY 2010 | RIGA, LATVIA

**Tiksimies Rīgā!**



INTERNATIONAL  
STEP by STEP  
ASSOCIATION



Council for  
Exceptional  
Children

The voice and vision of special education

*Division of  
International  
Special Education  
and Services*

## SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Latvian Ministry of Education and Science

Latvian National Commission for UNESCO

Open Society Institute

UNICEF

**RIGA**  
**2010**  
EMBRACING  
INCLUSIVE  
APPROACHES

# CEC's Policy and Advocacy Team

23

- Deb Ziegler, Associate Executive Director
- Lindsay Jones, Senior Director
- Kim Hymes, Policy Director
  
- Contact us:
- [pubpol@cec.sped.org](mailto:pubpol@cec.sped.org)
  
- Thank you!!!!

# Questions?

24

