CEC LAUNCHES ELECTION DAY RESOURCES

I EDUCATE, I PARTICIPATE CAMPAIGN TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

As educators, it is our role to promote civic responsibility and participation in our democracy. To support these efforts, CEC has launched its I Educate, I Participate voter education campaign, a series of resources to help CEC members access information about the upcoming Congressional and Presidential elections.

Kicking off CEC’s I Educate, I Participate campaign is this summary of how CEC’s Legislative Action Center is a one-stop-shop for a variety of resources on the candidates, voter registration, primary dates, and their stance on the issues. In the coming months, CEC will unveil additional I Educate, I Participate tools.

While CEC does not take a position supporting or opposing any candidate or political party, we do want to provide our members with general information on the presidential and congressional candidates, voter registration information, and classroom resources.

CAN Coordinators are encouraged to pass this information along to members of your network. November might seem like an eternity in political terms, but will be here before you know it! Help CEC provide these valuable resources to fellow special educators!

CEC’s Legislative Action Center: Your Tool for Quick Candidate Information

Learning about all of the Presidential, Senate and House candidates in your state can be overwhelming. But it doesn’t have to be! With just a few clicks of your mouse you can easily access every candidate’s biography, contact information, websites, and their positions are critical issues including education, health care, and the economy.

Elected Officials
**Elected Officials Tab:** Here you can find information on individuals currently holding federal office. You can search by state or by zip code to find your Congressional delegation and Governor. Information provided to help guide your advocacy efforts includes previous occupation, previous performance in elections, education and political experience. This section can be helpful when evaluating incumbents, and compiling basic information on candidates you’ve worked with in the past. Additionally, this section provides contact information which will help in developing relationships with elected officials.

Under this tab, you can also find contact information for any of the Federal Government’s agencies (i.e. U.S. Department of Education), by clicking on the Agencies link at the top right of the LAC.

**Elections and Candidates Tab:** Click here for information on all of the candidates running for elected office in your state – from President Obama and all of the Republican candidates to those running for the House of Representatives and Senate.

Importantly, you will also find:

- Ballot measures in your state
- Key dates in your state (i.e. primary dates)
- Voter registration information
- Absentee voting information
- Finding your polling place

These practical resources will provide you with the tools you need to become an active part of the political process.
Issues and Legislation Tab: Want to know what is pending in Congress now? Interested in finding out what legislation CEC is supporting or opposing? Or maybe you need a refresher course in Capitol Hill basics?

Here you’ll find:

- CEC’s Action Alerts and Letters to Congress
- Legislative Scorecard of Bills CEC is supporting or opposing
- Tips on calling, writing, and emailing your members of Congress

Look for additional resources in the coming weeks! Email pubpol@cec.sped.org with ideas of resources you would like!