Resolution

IDEA Reauthorization Workgroup

WHEREAS, The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is the federal legislation that supports the implementation of early intervention and special education, and, as such, the future reauthorization of IDEA is a priority for CEC members;

WHEREAS, the IDEA Reauthorization Recommendations Workgroup was appointed by the CEC Board of Directors in December 2015 and charged to solicit input from the CEC membership and to develop CEC’s IDEA reauthorization principles and recommendations;

WHEREAS, the group, led by chair Tim Lewis, University of Missouri, includes Kaitlyn Brennan, University of Pittsburgh; Gwendolyn Cartledge, Ohio State University; Vivian Correa, University of North Carolina at Charlotte; John Eisenberg, Virginia Department of Education; Linda Lewis, University of Oregon; Brandi Simonsen, University of Connecticut; Russell Skiba, Indiana University; Martha Thurlow, National Center on Educational Outcomes; Sharon Walsh, Walsh Taylor Incorporated; Denise Whitford, Purdue University; Phyllis Wolfram; Springfield Public Schools; Mitchell Yell, University of South Carolina; and Gayle Zavala, School District of Palm Beach County;

WHEREAS, the members of the IDEA Reauthorization Recommendations Workgroup graciously volunteered their time and expertise, providing invaluable insights, perspectives and guidance;

WHEREAS, the IDEA Reauthorization Recommendations Workgroup were tasked with completion of their charge in an expedited timeframe and did so while maintaining a thorough feedback mechanism with CEC members and outside stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the IDEA Reauthorization Recommendations Workgroup provided CEC’s Representative Assembly with a comprehensive set of recommendations for its April 2017 meeting, in order to solicit input from unit and division members;

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved that, the Council for Exceptional Children Board of Directors, convened at its meeting the 11th day of July, 2017, in Alexandria, Virginia, extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the members of the IDEA Reauthorization Recommendations Workgroup for their tireless work to meet their charge and for their contributions to significantly and positively advancing the field of special education.

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