Virginia State Special Education Advisory Committee

Washington Update

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What's Happening in Washington?

❑ New Congress
❑ ESEA reauthorization
❑ FY 11 & FY 12 budgets
❑ Seclusion/restraint legislation
❑ Vouchers
❑ Common Core initiatives
❑ Common Core assessments
❑ Autism
❑ IDEA implementation/reauthorization

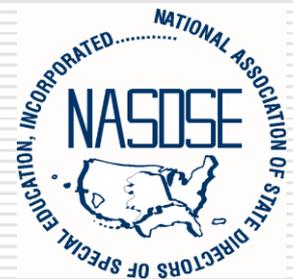# Welcome to the 112th Congress

What's the Status of ESEA Reauthorization?

ESEA -- Things to Think About

- ☐ Better alignment of ESEA and IDEA
- ☐ Highly effective teachers
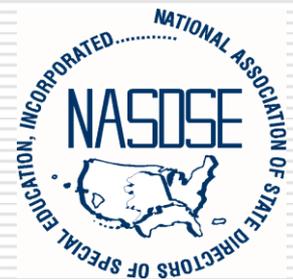- ☐ Schools in need of improvement
- ☐ Asssessments

Budget/Appropriations

- ☐ Status of FY 11 budget
- ☐ Status of FY 12 budget
- ☐ IDEA full funding

Seclusion/Restraint Legislation

- ☐ Status in House
- ☐ Status in Senate

Vouchers

- District of Columbia voucher bill
- Military special ed voucher in last Congress

Common Core Standards

- ☐ State initiated from CCSSO and NGA
- ☐ Concept initially embraced by 48 states (all except Texas and Alaska – now VA governor says will not adopt)
- ☐ Covers math and reading/language arts k-12
- ☐ Impact on federal & state policy is huge
- ☐ www.corestandards.org

Common Core Assessments

□ Regular assessments

   ■ Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers is a coalition of 26 states

   ■ The SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium is a coalition of 31 states

Alternate Assessments

- National Center and State Collaborative Partnership (a consortium of 18 states, DC , and several territories led by the University of Minnesota). Awarded $45 M

- The Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment System Consortium (a consortium of 11 states led by the University of Kansas). Awarded $22 M

Autism

☐ Federal Interagency Coordinating Committee (IACC) – new strategic plan for research, www.iacc.hhs.gov

IDEA Implementation/ Reauthorization

- ☐ Maintenance of effort issues
- ☐ Data concerns
- ☐ Status of reauthorization

And a few other things…

- White House recently held National Summit on Bullying (new website: www.bullyinginfo.org) – new $2 m grant program

- Department announced new online

  data portal (www.eddataexpress.ed.gov) and new education portal

- CCSSO released model core teaching

  standards (www.ccsso.org)

Good Websites to Visit

- ☐ Alliance for Excellent Education: www.all4ed.org

- ☐ Center on Education Policy: www.cep-dc.org

- ☐ Common core standards: www.corestandards.org

- ☐ Center for American Progress: www.americanprogress.org

NASDSE Websites

- ☐ www.nasdse.org

- ☐ www.projectforum.org

- ☐ www.ideapartnership.org

- ☐ www.sharedwork.org

- ☐ www.personnelcenter.org

- ☐ www.uscharterschools.org/specialedprimers