



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**Education Task Force
Annual Report for 2013**

2013 ACTIVITIES

The Education Task Force has led or participated in the following activities:

1. Key Meetings (as requested and ongoing):
 - a. Executive Branch
 - b. U.S. Department of Education
 - c. Members of Congress and their staff
 - d. ED Funded Projects (ex: PARCC, Smarter Balanced)

2. Sent Letters/Comments to Hill or the US Department of Education and grassroots efforts on the following issues:
 - a. Appropriations for IDEA and ESEA
 - b. Keeping All Students Safe Act
 - c. Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
 - Highly qualified teachers standard
 - Assessments
 - d. Maintenance of Effort under IDEA
 - e. State Performance Plan (SPP) and the Annual Performance Report (APR) for IDEA Programs
 - f. Development of Common Core State Assessments
 - g. Civil Rights Data Collection
 - h. Rescission of the 2% policy (alternate assessment on modified achievement standards)

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

1. Legislation to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
2. Implementation of ESEA waivers by the US Department of Education
3. Legislation on restraint and seclusion of students in school
4. Legislation to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
5. Legislation to reauthorize the Higher Education Act
6. Federal funding of education programs
7. Collaborate with the International Task Force on legislation to approve the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
8. Continue to educate the White House, US Department of Education, states, federal contractors and Congress about the educational needs of students with disabilities

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