

# KYCEC CAN Updates

May 2015 Wrap-Up



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## Register for the 2015 Special Education Legislative Summit

Want to enhance your advocacy skills, learn about important special/gifted issues and early intervention, and take CEC's messages to Capitol Hill? Then come to the Special Education Legislative Summit (SELS) July 12th-15th, 2015 in Alexandria, VA. Registration is easy, simply visit the [Special Education Legislative Summit website](#), click the registration tab. Join us in July!

SELS Update: Jack Jennings Confirmed Opening Speaker for the Special Education Legislative Summit.

Jack Jennings is the former CEO of the Center on Education Policy. As a former staffer on Capitol Hill, Jack also worked collaboratively with CEC during many of the IDEA Reauthorizations. At the Summit, he will be discussing his latest book, *Presidents, Congress, and the Public Schools* and implications for children and youth with exceptionalities. To learn more about Jack Jennings and his book, [click here](#).

## What Every Educator Needs to Know About Coming Changes to Special Education Policy Webinar, Hosted by CEC

In this [wide-ranging presentation](#), CEC's Policy and Advocacy Director, Deborah A. Ziegler, will review and analyze policies currently under discussion, recent changes to policies supported by the Obama Administration and the U.S. Congress, and their impact on children and youth with disabilities and/or gifts and talents, including:

- ESEA Reauthorization
- Federal Budget
- Early Childhood
- Gifted Education
- Education Sciences Reform Act Reauthorization

Tune in June 4th, from 4-5 p.m. EST.  
[Register here](#), it's free!

# Check It Out!

## **2015 Building a Grad Nation Report: Progress and Challenge in Ending the High School Dropout Epidemic**

Released annually, by the Alliance of Excellent Education, America's Promise Alliance, Civil Enterprises, and the Everyone Graduates Center at Johns Hopkins University, [the report](#) shows detailed progress toward the Grad Nation goal of a national on-time graduation rate of 90 percent by 2020. The national high school graduation rate hit a record high of 81.4 percent in 2012-2013. How did students with disabilities fair? The graduation rate for students with disabilities hit 61.9 percent in 2012-2013, an increase of 2.9 percentage points since 2010-2011, but still nearly 20 points behind the national average.

It is estimated that many more students with disabilities can meet regular diploma requirements with the right supports. CEC advocates for these supports such as increased funding, access to the general education curriculum, intensive interventions, multi-tiered systems of support, transition planning, positive behavioral supports to eliminate disciplinary disproportionalities in order to help students in school and on track to graduate.

[Read the full report here.](#)

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**Four Key Provisions to Know in the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act**