



Hola! Buenas Diaz Senioritas and Senors'

I apologize for my delay in my monthly communication; I am just returning (last evening) from Europe and had a fabulous vacation! I could learn to live the life style of the rich and famous:)

Please Join me in welcoming our new members:

Drew Andrews- Bradford County ESE Director- CEC/CASE National
Kimberly Hall- CEC/CASE National
Andrew Klein- CEC/CASE National
Harry Lorthe- Barry University- CEC/CASE National
Maryann Parks- Hillsborough County Public Schools- CEC/CASE National
Jonathan Rasmussen- CEC/CASE National
Valerie Scott- Broward County Public Schools- CEC/CASE National
Elizabeth Theis- CEC/CASE National
Andrea Walsh- University of Florida- CEC/CASE National

Thank you for casting your vote!

I am proud to announce our new Florida CASE Board Members for the following positions:

Secretary- Ms Catie McRae- Leon County
Treasurer- Ms Debra Giacolone- Desoto County
Membership Chair- Ms Sandra Chambers-Collins- Orange County
Member-at-large- Ms Valerie Scott- Broward County

Congratulations! We are delighted to have you serve on the Board of your professional organizations!



Congratulations to the following colleagues who were the winners at our CASE Summer Leadership Institute of a free CEC/CASE National membership for a year; sponsored by Kurzweil Technologies. This fantastic prize can be used to renew your membership or an initial membership. Please contact Ms Debra Giacolone, Treasurer at debra.giacolone@desoto.k12.fl.us

Monica Campbell- Volusia School District
Judith Everett- Hernando School District

Jeannine Welch- Pinellas School District



Please remember to forward me any questions/topics and suggested solutions that you would like for me to share with our Commissioner of Education, Dr. Tony Bennett no later than **Monday, July 15** (I have extended the deadline due to you receiving July's communication after July 1st).

Please find attached some great follow-up information from our dear colleague Mike McHugh, who is a retired ESE Director and former CASE President who shared some valuable information at CASE on IDEA funding and services for SWD in charter schools. It is my hope that you find the information helpful as we work diligently to ensure equitable services to all schools. Thank you Mike for sharing!

Lastly, I will be attending National CASE Legislative Leadership Institute in Washington, DC July 14-17 and I have appointments scheduled with Senator Marco Rubio, Representative Ted Yoho and waiting for confirmation from Senator Bill Nelson, Sr. I plan to also reach out to other congressmen; many times they or their Educational Legislative Assistant will be available for unscheduled appointments. My agenda includes (but not limited to) the following "Talking Points:"

- > IDEA Funding
- > Private Schools and Accountability
- > Sequestration

We also have colleagues from the Dade County area who are planning to attend as well. I believe together we will cover a lot of territory! As always, I will keep you posted.

Have a beautiful day and enjoy the summer!

Best regards,

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