

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Cheers to you! In 2014, may you have a deep understanding of your true value and worth, an absolute faith in your unlimited potential, peace of mind in the midst of uncertainty, the confidence to let go when you need to, acceptance to replace your resistance, gratitude to open your heart, the strength to meet your challenges, great love to replace your fear, and the conviction to make your dreams come true, meaningful and rewarding...*author unknown.*

IT IS WITH HONOR AND PRIVILEGE THAT I SERVE AS YOUR CASE PRESIDENT ANOTHER YEAR. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD WE ARE GRATEFUL TO BE OF SERVICE TO YOU. WE LOOK FORWARD TO EMBRACING 2014 WITH ZEAL!



Collaboration with Florida Council for Exceptional Children

It is with great pleasure to share with you that Florida CASE will be partnering with Florida Council of Exceptional Children (FCEC). Our CASE Board member, Sandra Chambers-Collins, Membership Chair will serve on FCEC multi-cultural sub-committee. This committee will work to support CEC overall purpose of multiculturalism in the organization and support the international vision. The committee will also assist with promoting a strand during the State Conference and celebrate the success of minorities within the organization's local chapters and state. We will keep you abreast as these activities come to fruition.

Let's Share our Documents in a Central and Safe Location!



As a follow-up to our November DOE Directors' conference call whereby we discussed/inquired with regard to forms we have developed as a result of SB1108 legislation. It was suggested that we have a place whereby Directors could upload and share forms. As a result of this request, I have consulted with FDLRS and they have created the files and have uploaded them onto the Edmodo system (this is a free system). Please find attached written instructions as to creating an account, assessing and uploading documents. This service and access to the forms will only be available to our CASE members and ESE Directors across the state. We will also have a link on our CASE website that will take you directly to the Edmodo site. Because this service and site is new to us, we ask for your patience as we learn and grow together professionally. Should you have questions, please contact Valerie Scott, Member-at-Large at bjvalerie@att.net. A special thank you to Mary Ann Ahearn and Kristi Richburg at FDLRS and Matt McCoy our CASE webmaster.



ESE and Student Services Directors- Do you have a question that you would like input from your colleagues that would be of assistance to you in your daily work or a challenging scenario? If you answer yes to one (1) or both questions...Allow your Board to be of assistance...please read below.

As a result of the Roundtable discussions throughout the state with Monica Verra- Tirado, our Bureau Chief and the feedback received from our colleagues. The Florida Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) has extended our professional development blog to meet your request for support. If you have a ESE/Student Services question or scenario and is seeking input from your colleagues, simply submit your question to Ramona Patrick, CASE Board Professional Development Chair at ramona.patrick@taylor.k12.fl.us.

Ramona will forward the question to our webmaster to upload to our "Blog" site. It will be posted anonymously and you will receive an e-mail indicating a question has been posted and your response is desired. This blog is accessible at <http://www.flocase.org/blog>, and is intended to serve as a forum for discussion, exchange of ideas, sharing of resources, asking and answering of questions that as Directors we are faced with on a daily basis in our profession. This will serve as an avenue that lends itself to a professional conversation to enhance the ability of each of us to better serve the multi-facet needs of our students across the state.



CASE 2014 Summer Leadership Institute Save the Date

17th Annual Florida Council of Administration of Special Education (CASE) Summer Leadership Institute will be held June 9–11, 2014. This year's theme "Leadership in the 21st Century: Results Driven Accountability." The Institute will be held at the Embassy Suites Deerfield Beach-Resort & Spa, 950 South Ocean Drive, Deerfield Beach, Florida. We are planning an exciting Institute for you! See attached flier; more information will be forthcoming!

CASE National Third Annual Winter Hybrid Conference February 24-26, 2014- Orlando, Florida

Topics will include:

- Focus on Measuring and Evaluating Teacher/Staff Effectiveness
- Impact of Common Core, Essential Elements and New Assessments
- Public Education: How Will It Survive
- **Attend in person or link up for a virtual conference from your location**
- **Price is per site so invite as many others to join you as you wish for the same price**
- **Purchase the CD-ROM and it is for your use as often as you wish**
- **Practical Help & Resources provided to all Virtual Sites**
- **Special Communication Links between Virtual Sites and On Site participants/speakers**

The following presenters have been confirmed: Dr. Mary Brownell, CEEDAR Center, University of Florida; Dr. Stevan Kukic, NCLD; Dr. Rick Melmer, CCSSO/SDBOR/MCEC; Audra Ahumada, Alternate Assessment Director, AZ DOE; Dr. Lynn Holdheide, CEEDAR/AIR; Dr. Joanne Cashman, Director IDEA Partnership; Lindsay Jones, NCLD; Matt Clifford, AIR; Katie Hornung, AIR ; Others to be added as confirmed.

Conference Hotel:
Rosen Plaza, 9700 International Drive
Orlando, Florida 32819
Group Rate- \$119

To register go to www.casecec.org or <http://casecec.peachnewmedia.com/>. During the checkout process, please enter the coupon code **FLCASE2014** (a special rate for only Florida attendees) and you will receive a 15% discount on the registration cost. See attachment for additional information and please consider participating and showing Florida CASE unity and support!

Florida CASE President- Elect vacancy

Last but not least, your Board is seeking to fill the President-Elect position. As outlined in our By-Laws and Constitution, the President- Elect will serve in the President position and with the President's authority in the case of the President's absence; and responsible for all committees. The President-Elect will become President effective July 1, 2016. The term of office shall be two (2) years and shall coincide with the fiscal year, July 1- June 30. All officers of the Board must be National CEC/CASE members in good standing.

If you are interested, please contact Catie Mcrae, secretary at mcraec@leonschools.net. We are looking to bring in new people with new energy and talents to serve on the Board. We asked that you please consider, we would love to have you join this energized hard working group:)

Thank you for being a member of your professional organization; Together We Do Make a Difference in the lives of our students!

Sincerely,

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