



**SEASON'S GREETINGS FLORIDA CASE
MEMBERS**

**MAY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON SPARKLE AND SHINE AND
FILL YOUR HEART AND HOME WITH MANY BLESSINGS.**



**PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING
OUR NEW NATIONAL CASE MEMBERS:**

Melanie Fletcher, Lake Wales Charter Schools

Gwen Lipscomb, Broward County School District

Michelle Counter, Lake Wales Charter School

We are so delighted that you have joined your professional organization!

Please visit our website at www.flocase.org where you will find a wealth of information 😊



CASE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FALL MEETING

CASE Board of Directors meeting was recently held in San Antonio, Texas where Will Gordillo who serves as the Professional Development Chair on the CASE Executive Board and I were in attendance. Thirty seven (37) of forty (40) CASE Units (states) were represented; this is the most we have had in attendance! The Board spent a day and an half discussing a multitude of topics. One of the areas discussed and reviewed was CASE Strategic Plan with action items that aligns all committee work with the goals of the association. This Plan is the driving force in supporting all states that has a CASE organization. Each committee chair asked for input in their

respective area for consideration that will enable the committee to make final decisions moving forward and being of service to all units. The 2014-16Goals are as follows:

1. CASE will focus on the development of effective state/provincial units and encourage them to utilize Development and Membership Committee support.
2. CASE will provide proactive leadership in shaping policies that affect special education.
3. CASE will be active in the development and mentorship of special education administrators.
4. CASE will directly and through its units (states and provinces) provide the information and professional development its members need.
5. CASE will be recognized in the education community as the voice of Local Special Education Administrators and the conduit for communication with them.
6. CASE will provide leadership in developing and advancing research based practices in special education administration that are highly correlated to improve student outcomes.

7. CASE will increase the financial stability of the organization.



Florida CASE Strategic Plan will be unveil in January, 2015. We have worked diligently to identify essential areas in an effort to continue to improve and be of service to you.

CEC Executive Director, Alex Graham presented on the reorganization of CEC and the array of benefits that members will receive as a result. Alex is very personable and is honored to serve in this capacity. Did you know that CEC is the largest professional organization dedicated to improving the educational outcomes of individuals with disabilities? The membership is comprised of teachers, administrators, professors, and other professionals who are dedicated to improving outcomes for all students. If you are a Florida CASE Member only, I encourage you to become a member of CEC and add CASE as a subdivision. Please see attached the new CEC membership opportunities and benefits to you AND there is also a district membership that is new and quite affordable; check it out!

A special thank you to our members for responding to the questions that we were asked by CASE that prepared us for discussion with the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) representatives. The GAO is an independent, nonpartisan agency that works with Congress; often referred to as the “congressional watchdog,” GAO investigates how the federal government spends taxpayers’ money and runs programs. GAO’s work leads to laws and acts that improve government operations, saving the government and taxpayers billions of dollars. Our discussion was focused on ESE paperwork and administrative tasks associated with special education laws and regulations. These discussions will assist GAO upcoming report about paperwork and administrative requirements in special education requested by the Chairman and majority member of the US House of Representatives Committee and the Workforce. CASE is working closely with the GAO and will keep all CASE units (states) abreast.



FLORIDA CASE
2015 EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SUMMER
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**THEME: "RE-INVENTING SPECIAL EDUCATION:
SHARE THE VISION"**

Please mark your calendar for June 8-10
Embassy Suites Resort and Spa Deerfield, Florida.
On-Line Registration will open January 2015.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality"

Warren Bennis

BEST REGARDS,

CASE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DR. ROSALIND HALL, PRESIDENT