



**WISHING YOU A YEAR FILLED WITH GREAT JOY, PEACE
AND PROSPERITY!**



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

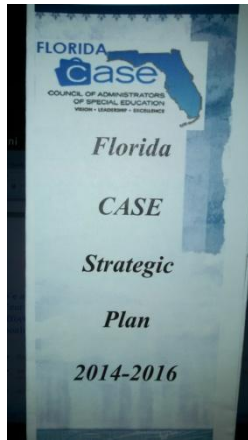
Ethel Averbach

Nikki Callaghan- Florida Virtual School

Thomas Gifford- Desoto School District

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☺



FLORIDA CASE STRATEGIC PLAN

We are delighted to unveil our Strategic Plan for the 2014-2016 Year. We have worked diligently to identify essential areas in an effort to continue to improve and be of service to you. We will have our Strategic Plan brochure available for dissemination at our collaboration meeting Orlando on Friday, February 27th, Legislative sessions in March in Tallahassee, CASE Summer Leadership Institute in June and I have attached a color word document that can be printed as a brochure for your convenience. The Goals are as follows:

- Provide proactive leadership in shaping policies that affect special education.
- Seek input from members on legislative priorities and develop guidance and actions to respond to these issues and concerns.
- Inform members of critical issues CASE is addressing.

- Work collaboratively and build relationships with other professional organizations as well as other CASE units throughout the country to positively impact political action and lobbying on legislation that aligns with our platform.
- Increase membership participation in visits to State Legislators during legislative sessions in March 2015 and July 2015 CASE Legislative Leadership Summit.
- Financially support participation in both legislative sessions for two additional CASE members.
- Keep all members abreast of the legislative actions during sessions.
- Increase membership in CASE by 10% --Baseline—National—103; Florida—25.
- Support members by creating opportunities for CASE representation to national and state- wide conferences (All expenses paid) to include: CASE National Conference, National CEC, CASE Summer Institute.
- Create system of recognition for CASE members, based on milestones within their career and/or nominations from current members:
- Create a “Spot Light Your Career” for our pioneers who have contributed to the field for more than 20+ years in their districts.
- Member recognition during AMM and CASE Summer Institute.
- Drawings annually at AMM for reimbursement and one new National CASE Membership through the enrollment period of June-September (CASE conference-AMM).
- Arrange a meeting of collaboration between CASE, FASA, and FOIL members so that messages are consistent across organizations.
- Involve stakeholders in the facilitation of 2-3 regional discussions on “Reinventing Special Education.”
- Provide follow-up information at Summer CASE on the progress of regional discussions.
- Contact: Dr. Terry Allee, Executive Director, and Dr. ThurmaDeLoach, Project Facilitator of Missouri CASE (MO-CASE) regarding presenting at Summer CASE.
- Obtain 501 C(6) tax exempt status in order to conduct best business practices.
- Work with an incorporation attorney to incorporate the organization.

- Apply for and obtain a new IRS Employer ID number for the corporation.
- Adopt new board approved by laws.

We look forward to our continued work in fulfilling our commitment and service to you!

CASE COLLABORATE WITH FOILS, AND FASA



Florida CASE invites you to participate in collaboration between CASE, the Florida Organization of Instructional Leaders (FOILS) and Florida Association of School Administrators (FASA) on **February 27** from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hilton Orlando Altamonte Springs. Discussion topics will include Senate Bill 850, Early Warning Systems and Multi-Tiered System of Supports: How to Logistically Meet the Needs of Students with Disabilities. For registration

information, visit <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=s6ub7psab&oeidk=a07ea8ncahzae0c6e3d> or contact Dr. Poinsetta Tillman, CASE professional development chair, at poinsetta.tillman@polk-fl.net or by phone at 863-647-4258.

Please see attached document and registration information as well. We hope to see you there!

NATIONAL CASE HYBRID CONFERENCE

This is a gentle reminder that National CASE will be hosting their 4th Annual Hybrid Winter Conference this year in Arizona, February 19 and 20th and will be partnering with Arizona CASE in this educational endeavor. Many of you are aware that the last three (3) years the hybrid conference was held in Florida in which I serve on the planning team for the last two (2) years and was in attendance along with Florida CASE Board members and colleagues across the state. Last year, CASE had 49 virtual sites in 28 states. This year, the goal is to host 75 virtual sites with as many as 200 colleagues at each site and of course we desire for Florida to be well represented!

In an effort to increase Florida CASE members' participation (of course additional educational colleagues can join us) your Florida CASE Board will pay the registration for four (4) regional sites that you will be able to access! As we continue to plan for this opportunity, I ask that you email me no later than Friday, January 9th if you are interested and your schedule will

allow your participation. This information will assist us as we map out the regional sites.

This year's conference will include but not limited to:

Julie Weatherly - Nationally known attorney specializing in special education law

Denise Lowell-Britt - Known for her expertise in Arizona school law and special education law

Break-out sessions include the following strands:

Results Driven Accountability

Leading by Convening

State Assessments - AzMerit and NCSC

Managing Behavior and Increasing Achievement

Please consider registering for the hybrid conference and invite as many colleagues as you like for a reasonable cost of \$375.00 which includes a CD-ROM! I am not aware of any conference that will provide so much for such a low price. Think about this... It would cost less than \$20.00 per person for 20 participants that would include 2 full days of rich and meaningful topics presented by the expert in the respective

topic; now that is a super deal! Please see registration flier attached which includes additional options designed just for you! Please share this information with our educational organizations and colleagues across the state.



**FLORIDA CASE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL
SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! GO TO

www.flocase.org

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

June 8-10, 2015

Embassy Suites Resort and Spa Deerfield, Florida.

Hotel Reservations:

A block of rooms has been set aside for this conference at the rate of \$137.00/ Standard/Single or Double Room, \$152.00/Standard Triple, \$181.00/Ocean view, Single or Double, \$206.00 Ocean view Triple and \$231.00 Ocean View/Quad, plus tax (Tax exempt card will be honored) and a \$5.00 per day parking charge. When making reservations, please refer to "Florida CASE" AND ask for

“Reservations.” Otherwise the call may be transferred to the 1-800 desk and they are not managing our event.

Reservations at the group rate must be made by Friday, May 15, 2015 or until the room block has been reserved, whichever comes first.

*** You may make reservations 3 days prior to the Institute and 3 days following at the discounted rate***

**Embassy Suites Resort and Spa
950 South Ocean Drive, Deerfield, Fl. (954) 426-0478
Embassysuites3.hilton.com**



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**“LEADERS MUST BE CLOSE ENOUGH TO RELATE TO OTHERS,
BUT FAR ENOUGH AHEAD TO MOTIVATE THEM.”**

John C. Maxwell

BEST REGARDS,

CASE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DR. ROSALIND HALL, PRESIDENT