



## CCD Education Task Force 2007 End of Year Report

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2007 was a very busy and, sometimes, frustrating year for the Education Task Force. The task force submitted comments on the proposed regulations to Part C of the 2004 amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The task force provided House and Senate committees with positions and information regarding of students with disabilities under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

Set out below is a summary of our activities.

In 2007, the Ed Task Force:

1. Issued comments on the proposed regulations to Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
2. Submitted recommendations to the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives on the **No Child Left Behind** reauthorization.
3. Continued to monitor the implementation of **No Child Left Behind** – particularly areas related to assessments, Adequate Yearly Progress and the definition of highly qualified teacher. The Task Force provided input to Congress on the 2 percent regulations, the 1 percent regulations, and growth models. Comprehensive comments were provided to the House on the draft NCLB released by Chairman George Miller.
4. Continued to advocate for increases in **funding** for IDEA and related programs.
5. Monitored other programs including Head Start.
6. Submitted comprehensive recommendations to the House on the Higher Education Act reauthorization which resulted in the addition of a number of positive provisions to the House bill that was reported out of the Education and Labor Committee.

### **Anticipated 2008 Activities**

1. Continue to work with Congress on legislation to revise NCLB.
2. Transition issues, in conjunction with the Employment and Training Task Force, including VR and WIA
3. Budget and appropriations