

CCD Technology and Telecommunications Task Force 2018 Report

- 1) Top legislative issues past year:
 - Full accessibility for students with disabilities
 - Educating Congress on assistive technology and accessibility issues
 - (from our 2018 priorities list on the CCD website):
 - i. Research work with NIDLRR
 - ii. Digital accessibility
 - iii. Full funding of the Assistive Technology (AT) Act
 - iv. Educate Congress and Administration about AT
 - v. Overall funding for AT Hearing Aid Tax Credit (ASHA) legislation, or funding through Medicare and Medicaid, or other streams of funding for AT
 - vi. Support for passage of CRT wheelchair legislation
- 2) Activities in 2018
 - Comments to the Department of Education regarding accessibility issues re: virtual schools and virtual charter schools
 - Meetings with the Department of Education to inform guidance issued on virtual education platforms and accessibility
 - Coordinated sign on letter in support of the Accessible Instructional Materials in Higher Education Act or the "AIM HIGH Act"
 - Meetings with key committee staffers to discuss briefings in new legislative session to educate staff on accessibility issues.
- 3) The Taskforce meetings take place on the 4th Friday of every month at 12 pm EST.
- 4) http://c-c-d.org/rubriques.php?rub=taskforce.php&id_task=14
- 5) Audrey Busch, ATAP <u>Audrey.busch@ataporg.org</u> Bobby Silverstein, Perkins School for the Blind, <u>Bobby.Silverstein@PowersLaw.com</u> Eric Buehlman, National Disability Rights Network