



# Ohio Association of Pupil Service Administrators

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## NCPSSERS Report

The National Coalition on Personnel Shortages in Special Education and Related Services is composed of 30+ member organizations working to address the issue of shortages in special education and related service provision in public schools. The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the National Association of School Psychologists, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Education Association, and our own OAPSA are among the many participants who have come together in this joint cause.

On November 1, 2018, NCPSSERS held a meeting to update the group's purpose and mission statements, as well as to re-establish common workgroups focusing on the organization's action steps. OAPSA President, Paul M. Kidd, participated in the meeting via teleconferencing on behalf of Donna Stelzer, OAPSA's Executive Director, who had a scheduling conflict.

As a result of the discussions during the meeting, the facilitators made the following recommendations to the at-large membership:

### Updated PURPOSE:

- **Bring together stakeholders** to work collaboratively to address personnel shortages and persistent vacancies in special education, specialized instructional supports, and early intervention services
- Monitor, track, and collect related **data and information**
- Develop and disseminate information and **recommendations related to policy and practice** for dealing with personnel shortages and persistent vacancies
- **Engage in advocacy** at the federal, state, and local levels for implementation of strategies to remedy personnel shortages and persistent vacancies

### Updated MISSION:

The mission of NCPSSERS is to develop and disseminate resources and strategies at the national, state, and local level to help identify and remedy personnel shortages and persistent vacancies in special education and specialized instructional support services to improve outcomes for all children and youth.

### Workgroups to be Established:

- Advocacy and Policy
- Resource Development and Dissemination
- Research and Messaging
- Networking/Stakeholder Engagement
- Coalition Operations - Process/Products (website)

***\*\*Donna Stelzer and Paul Kidd to share attendance at future 2018-19 NCPSSERS meetings; will also participate in the Resource Development and Dissemination workgroup given Donna's particular expertise in this area.***

Submitted by Paul M. Kidd, OAPSA President, December 7, 2018