

On Oct 26-27, 2019 Donna Stelzer, Paul Kidd, and Talia St.Clair attended the CASE BOD meetings. These meetings were sponsored by The Social Express, Education Associates, Goalbook, Presence Learning, Star Autism and Sonday Systems. The meeting on Oct. 26, 2019 began with a welcome and call to order. The BOD room was greeted by CASE president Phyllis Wolfram. OAPSA was then presented with the Ohio CASE charter. Ohio currently has 89 members in CASE. CASE committees presented their reports as well. The committees of CASE are membership and awards, unit development, technology and communication (Dr. Valerie Riedthaler is on this committee), product review, publications (Talia St.Clair is on this committee), and professional development. On Oct. 27, 2019 the CASE BOD meeting was based on legislative updates and policy reports.

Donna Stelzer and Talia St.Clair then attended the CASE/NAASDE conference Oct. 27-Oct.29th, 2019. Here they went to many sessions and also networked with many vendors.

Also at the CASE Board of Directors' Meeting, we learned how to use CEC's Legislative Action Center. We used this to send letters on fully funding IDEA (which we now have Rep. Joyce Beatty from OH supporting), funding early childhood IDEA, and FY2020 final funding push. The directions on how to use the Action center are below.

1. Go to [Http://bit.ly/SpedAction](http://bit.ly/SpedAction)
2. Hit blue button that says Take Action
3. Then make sure at top it says Fully Fund IDEA (if it doesn't say that you can see other titles and find that one by clicking the word "next" on right hand side. )
4. Fill in your information with your home address (that way it will send it to appropriate US Congressman)

(I suggest you let it save your information for future legislation)

5. There's a letter that will appear that has been written for you. You may change wording if you like.

6. Hit submit..

You can change the topic by pushing the word "next" referenced above.

You will get an email confirmation once you hit submit that explains which legislators you have sent a message to..

Here's more information about Take Action:

"Take Action" on a number of legislative issues critical to the advancement of policies and opportunities for children and youth with exceptionalities and the professionals who work on their behalf by filling out your information and sending a letter to your Members of Congress

Find information about your elected officials with ease by simply typing in your zip code

Explore the Issue Pages to learn more in depth information on specific topics featured on the Legislative Action Center

### **Sign the Pledge for Public Schools!**

We need you to [\*\*sign this pledge\*\*](#) personally and then encourage our friends and colleagues to sign it. THEN we need you to promote the signing of the pledge by all your members and their friends and colleagues! CASE could make the difference in this being a big turnout!

### **Attend the CEC Convention and the CASE events**

We hope you are making plans to [\*\*attend CEC\*\*](#) in Portland, Feb 5-8, 2020--and encourage your members to attend CEC. This is a great chance for you to send some of your teachers to an international conference. It could make the difference in them staying in the field! CEC has great resources on [\*\*Teacher\*\*](#) and [\*\*Administrator\*\*](#) attendance tool kits. Check them out and pass this information on to your members!

Registration for CASE Night will be going on sale soon. Here is a tentative [\*\*CASE Events list\*\*](#) and the [\*\*CASE Night Flyer\*\*](#) for you to look at and share. Dr. Purcell will let you know through her weekly update when the CASE Night tickets are on sale.

### **Promote and Participate in the 2020 CASE Hybrid Conference**

Begin planning how you and your unit can take advantage of the wonderful professional development offered through the [\*\*CASE Hybrid Conference\*\*](#). CASE would love for you to join them in Phoenix, AZ Feb 26-27, 2020. CASE provides almost everything thing you need except the location and the equipment if you do it as a virtual site--even provide the [\*\*HINTS!\*\*](#) Registration for that will also be coming soon!