



U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Public Briefing:
Federal Response to Teacher Shortage Impacts on Students with Disabilities

Friday, November 15, 2024 | Washington, DC

Expert Panels: 10:10 am – 4:40 pm EDT *

AGENDA

Introductory Remarks: 10:00 am - 10:10 am

Panel 1: Public Education in the Post-Pandemic Era 10:10 – 11:20 am

- Prof. Tuan Nguyen, Associate Professor, University of Missouri
- Eric Hanushek, Paul and Jean Hanna Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University
- William Trachman, General Counsel, Mountain States Legal Foundation
- Dr. Amanda Levin Mazin, Senior Lecturer, Teachers College Columbia University
- Jessica Levin, Litigation Director, Education Law Center

Break: 11:20 – 11:30 am

Panel 2: Education Advocacy Discussion of the Teacher Shortage 11:30 am – 12:40 pm

- Dan Stewart, Managing Attorney for Education and Employment, National Disability Rights Network
- Max Eden, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
- Ariel Simms, President, Disability Belongs
- Jonathan Butcher, Senior Research Fellow, Heritage Foundation
- Brittany Patrick, Senior Policy Analyst on Education, National Education Association
- Julian Vasquez Heilig, Director, Network for Public Education

Lunch: 12:40 – 2:10 pm

Panel 3: From the Field: Educators on the Teacher Shortage 2:10 - 3:20 pm

- Jessica Tang, President, American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts
- Dr. Terita Gusby, CEO & Founder, Education Prescriptions
- Sepi Seyedin-Elahian, Teacher, Los Angeles Unified School District
- Beth Ackerman, Senior Vice President, Rivermont Schools
- Dr. Tiffany Anderson, Superintendent, Topeka Public Schools

Break: 3:20 pm - 3:30 pm

Panel 4: From the Field: Hearing from Impacted Persons 3:30 pm - 4:40 pm

- Karen Lockerman, National Board-Certified teacher with over 20 years of experience working with a wide range of students with special needs
- Alysha Legge, Parent of impacted student, army veteran, founder of Moms for Freedom
- Alison Lauber, Special education coordinator
- Joshua Woods, Impacted student
- Tony Woods, Parent of impacted student
- Robert Varela Rodriguez, Special education teacher

Closing Remarks: 4:40 – 4:50 pm

Adjourn Meeting.*

** End time subject to change*

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