Background Information
Late last month, US Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos issued her report recommending narrow, temporary, and targeted flexibilities in the IDEA. Senators Cassidy (Louisiana) and Murphy (Connecticut) have developed a set of bipartisan principles for supporting students, parents, families, school districts, and state agencies to collaborate in the interests of children. We need to urge Congress to take action to include narrow, temporary, and targeted flexibilities so that our focus can continue to be on delivering quality services to students with disabilities and not on compliance with a law that clearly wasn’t designed for a pandemic.

Call To Action
Today, we begin our Find The Flexibility campaign and we invite you and your organization to do the same. Join us by sharing our Action Alert with your networks and then by using our social media tool kit to share the message widely on your Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn pages.

Important: We have heard from Members of Congress that they are not hearing from school superintendents, principals, and other school leaders about the need for these flexibilities. PLEASE be sure to share the action alert with those in your network and in your schools.

Schedule
5/8/2020

5/11/2020 - 5/15/2020 -
Social Media Posted on CASE Twitter and Facebook (State units and members are encouraged to do the same)

Suggested Social Media Posts (Graphics)

● Congress should support narrow, temporary, and targeted flexibilities in #IDEA. Let’s be sure to support students with disabilities & their families during this pandemic. #FindTheFlexibilities #WeKeepLeading https://bit.ly/IDEAFlexibility

● Support for narrow, temporary, & targeted flexibilities will allow educators and families to continue working together as #IDEA intended. #FindTheFlexibilities #WeKeepLeading https://bit.ly/IDEAFlexibility

● I’m an educator who supports narrow, temporary, & targeted flexibilities in #IDEA to ensure we stay focused on educating students with disabilities during this unprecedented situation! #FindTheFlexibilities #WeKeepLeading https://bit.ly/IDEAFlexibility

● School districts will continue to focus on students with disabilities if Congress can grant narrow, temporary, and targeted flexibilities in #IDEA #FindTheFlexibilities #WeKeepLeading https://bit.ly/IDEAFlexibility

● Parents and families have always worked together. Now is not the time to stop. Let’s #FindTheFlexibilities in #IDEA so that we can continue to focus on what is important during this pandemic. #WeKeepLeading https://bit.ly/IDEAFlexibility

● We cannot give up on students with disabilities. They cannot be left behind. Tell your members of
Congress to #FindTheFlexibilities #WeKeepLeading https://bit.ly/IDEAFlexibility

- #IDEA wasn’t built for a pandemic. Let’s work together to #FindTheFlexibilities so that school districts can continue to focus on educating students with disabilities. #WeKeepLeading https://bit.ly/IDEAFlexibility

- Pandemic penalties! That’s what school districts and states are up against because of this unprecedented situation. We need Congress to #FindTheFlexibilities #WeKeepLeading https://bit.ly/IDEAFlexibility

- School teams should be focused on students during the pandemic - instead, Congress wants us to focus on paperwork. Tell Congress to #FindTheFlexibilities #WeKeepLeading https://bit.ly/IDEAFlexibility