

Special
Education
Legislative
Summit **2021**
July 19-20, 2021



Welcome Back!

Agenda

- **Overview of a Congressional Meeting**
- **Educator Shortages Panel**
- **Mental Health Panel**
- **Wrap-Up with the Presidents-Elect**

What Should Happen in a Congressional Meeting?

- **A few reminders:**

- You are the expert in the field of special education – your knowledge and lived experience will bring so much to these meetings.
- Congressional staffers and Members of Congress are human beings.
- Consider these meetings like you would an in-person meeting – dress professionally, turn cameras on, be on time, etc.
- Remember time zones!

Ahead of the Meeting

- **Prepare Yourself and Your Team Well**

- Talking Points on Appropriations: <https://bit.ly/SELSPointsMoney>
- Talking Points on Shortages: <https://bit.ly/SELSPointsShortages>
- Talking Points on Mental Health: <https://bit.ly/SELSPointsHealth>

- **Determine speaking roles and appropriate stories**
- **Confirm time and date (including time zone)**

At The Meeting

- **Short Introductions of Team Leaders and those Speaking**
- **Overview of What's Happening Across the State/ Congressional District related to Special Education**
- **Talk about the three issues in any order you would like AND use a brief illustrative story to go with these issues**
 - Appropriations
 - Brief story to demonstrate need
 - Educator Shortages
 - Brief story to demonstrate need
 - Mental Health
 - Brief story to demonstrate need
- **Invite Questions**

After the Meeting

- **Post an appropriate message on Social Media using hashtags and tagging the Member (if approved)**
- **Follow Up**
Sample Thank You Note at <https://bit.ly/SELSThankYou>
- **Log Your Meeting at <https://bit.ly/SELSFollowUp>**