


Special Education and Dispute Resolution in Times of Financial Austerity: A Discussion

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By Nick Anderson
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Advocates fear an erosion of students' protection

State Budget Cuts Could Mean Mass Teacher Layoffs
By Nick Anderson

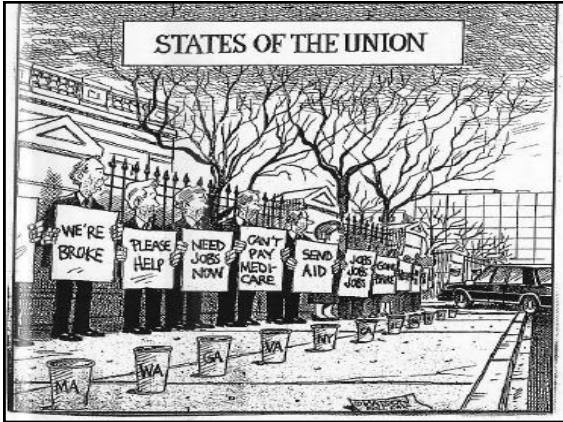
Latest forecast calls for \$1.4 billion less; more cuts expected
By Andrew Geller
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Difficult Times and Lots of Disagreement...




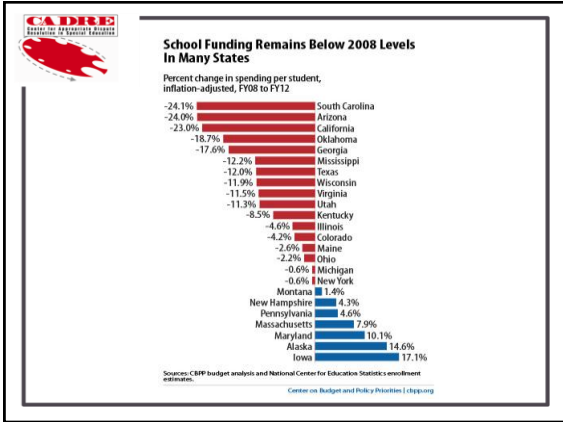
 **FY 2011: Final Numbers**

- The budget of the United States Department of Education was reduced by \$1.3 billion

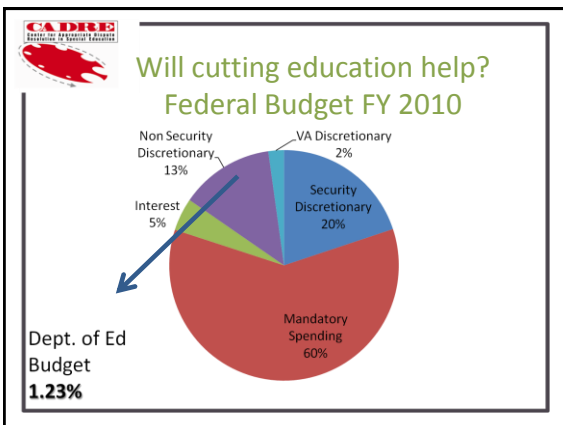
 **ARRA Funds are Spent**

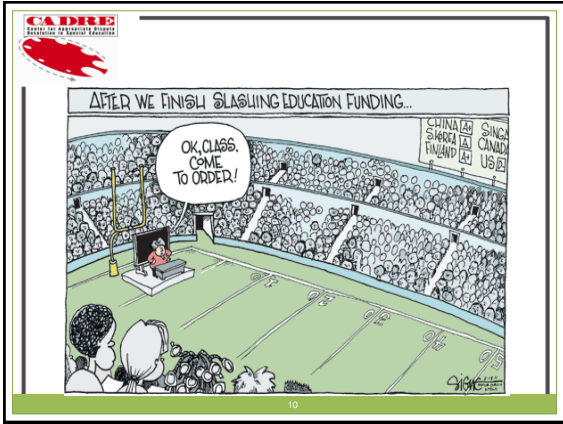
According to USDOE as of May 27 out of the 12.2 billion dollars originally allocated to Special Education (Part B and C) less than 2.4 billion were unspent.

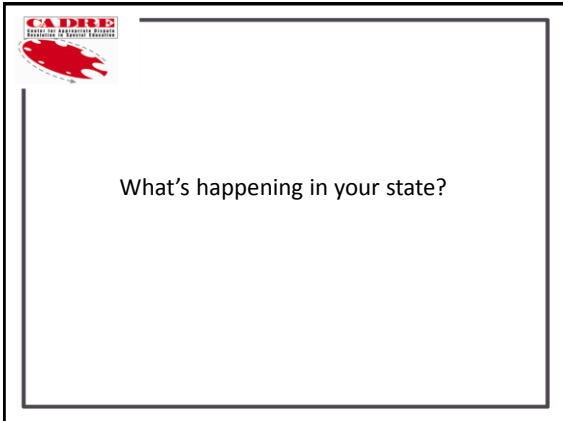


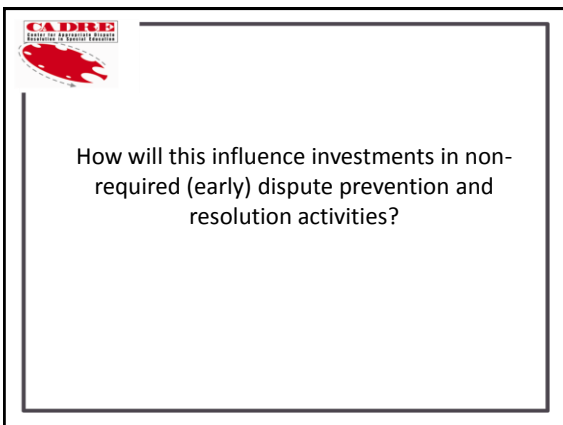



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- ### CEC/CASE Survey
- 3400 Administrators in all 50 states surveyed; 701 responded from 45 states
 - 91% of respondents state they have had an increase or anticipate an increase in caseload.
 - 90% of respondents report cuts or anticipate cuts to education programs.
 - 91% of respondents report an increase or anticipate an increase in class size.













What are the ethical and practice challenges that might emerge for practitioners?



What is the best dispute resolution dollar you are currently spending?



What are the implications of this discussion for the reauthorization of IDEA?



Closing Thoughts

Next Steps?
