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NASDSE Responds to U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Fact Sheet: Serving Students with Disabilities During COVID-19

The National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) is deeply committed to educating the nation's students with disabilities.

Consequently, we are appreciative of the U.S. Department of Education's decision to provide ongoing guidance during this unprecedented time of crisis across the globe. The flexibility and clarity provided in the OCR/OSERS Supplemental Fact Sheet Addressing the Risk of COVID-19, will allow states to continue their critical work in light of issues that had the potential to derail efforts to provide distance learning to all students.

The states support and are eager to work collaboratively to ensure students with disabilities get the education, supports and services needed to the greatest extent practicable. A free and appropriate public education **can be provided** in this unique situation, and we are determined to continue our work.

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The National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE), is the national nonprofit organization that represents the state directors of special education, the IDEA Part B data managers and the IDEA 619 coordinators in the states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Department of Defense Education Agency, the Bureau of Indian Education, the U.S. territories and Freely Associated States.