NASDSE participates as a member on a number of national public policy coalitions to help with our goal of providing a positive influence on relevant education issues to federal and state policymakers. The following is a list of all the major coalitions in which our organization is a member.

**CONSORTIUM OF CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES**
The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) is the largest coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for federal public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration, and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society.

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FUNDING**
As the oldest and largest coalition of education associations in existence, the Committee for Education Funding (CEF) provides a strong and unified voice in support of increasing the federal investment in education. Our mission is to provide our members, the public, the US Congress, the Executive Branch, and the media with information in support of federal investments in education. CEF takes positions on federal education funding issues that represent a consensus of its membership and then communicates those positions to federal government officials and Members of Congress.

**STATE & LOCAL K-12 ASSOCIATIONS – COVID**
Informal coalition of state and local education organizations and other stakeholders, who began meeting weekly in March 2020 to strategize on how to best serve the nation’s students, solve emerging problems, quantify needs and advocate for funding in the wake of COVID and the aftermath.

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL**
The National Alliance of Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (NASISP) represents more than one million Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (SISP) nationwide. SISP professionals provide and support school-based prevention and intervention services to address barriers to educational success, ensure positive conditions for learning, and help all students achieve academically and ultimately become productive citizens. SISP works with teachers, administrators, and parents to ensure that all students are successful in school.

**IDEA FULL FUNDING COALITION**
A coalition of national education organizations dedicated to advocating for full funding of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), through Hill meetings, ensuring legislation introduction, and otherwise increasing awareness of the Congressional promise and costs associated with special education.
The Modern Medicaid Alliance is a partnership between Americans who value Medicaid and leading advocacy organizations. Our mission is to educate policymakers and the public about the benefits of Medicaid to the American people in terms of cost savings, health outcomes, and social impact, and to highlight how Medicaid is innovating in the delivery of care – especially for America’s most vulnerable citizens – and accountability of the program.

The purpose of the association is to provide leadership, assistance, and motivation to the Nation's school transportation community with the goal of providing safe, secure, efficient, economical, and high-quality transportation to school children on their trips to and from school and school-related activities.

The National Coalition on Personnel Shortages in Special Education and Related Services (NCPSSERS) is a national coalition composed of more than 30 participating member organizations. Since 2006, NCPSSERS has been dedicated to addressing the issue of shortages in special education and related services personnel in schools.

The Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG) is a coalition of national organizations representing consumers, family members, mental health and addiction providers, advocates, payers, and other stakeholders committed to strengthening Americans' access to mental health and addiction care. As trusted leaders in the field, our 60+ member organizations are dedicated to elevating the national conversation around mental health and addiction. Together, we work to advance federal policies that support prevention, early intervention, treatment and recovery services and supports.

"Homework Gap Coalition," which represents many education and related organizations working together to increase funding for students and teachers without access to technology and Internet connectivity - both critical needs as more schools continue to function partially or fully online.
# National Public Policy Coalitions

## Coalition for Community Schools
Supported by the Institute for Educational Leadership, the Coalition for Community Schools evolved since 1998 as an ecosystem of national, state, and local cross-sector leaders that promote community schools as an equity-driven, researched-based strategy, and fights for justice and investments for young people’s access to resources, supports, and opportunities they deserve to advance their hopes and fulfill their social responsibility.

## Coalition for Teaching Quality
The Coalition for Teaching Quality (Coalition), a group of more than 100 national, state, and local teacher, principal, civil rights, disability, rural, youth, higher education, and related education advocacy organizations will hold two briefings on Capitol Hill on how ESSA can strengthen educator recruitment, development, and support.

## National Coalition for Public Education
Founded in 1978, the National Coalition for Public Education supports public schools and opposes the funneling of public money to private and religious schools through vouchers, tuition tax credits, education savings accounts, and portability.

## National Respite Coalition
The Mission of the ARCH National Respite Coalition is to secure quality, accessible, planned, and crisis respite services for all families and caregivers in need of such services in order to strengthen and stabilize families, and enhance child and adult safety.

## Non-Defense Discretionary Coalition
NDD United was established in response to the Budget Control Act of 2011, which placed austere caps on federal spending for all discretionary programs through 2021 and set the stage for sequestration starting in 2013. With so much at stake for so many programs, NDD United brought together for the first time hundreds of stakeholders from across the nondefense discretionary (NDD) sectors to call for a balanced approach to deficit reduction.