



Federal Programs Access: Research, Reauthorization, and Advocacy

April 19, 2010 ♦ 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m



You Are Invited to Attend . . .

A conference on the study of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in the Mid-Atlantic region, preparation for the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), and effective strategies for school advocates

Presented by . . .

The Mid-Atlantic Catholic Schools Consortium and the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Consulting Initiative of the University of Notre Dame

Each year, hundreds of thousands of dollars of federal funds, designated for private schools under the current No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation, go unused. Gaining access to these funds can be a challenging process—unless you are equipped with a carefully planned strategy and up-to-date information on federal education programs.

The Consortium and ACE Consulting developed this program to help you provide your Catholic school students with all of the benefits and services that they are entitled to receive under the federal law. You will explore current research on private school participation in federal programs and review advocacy strategies that deliver results.

Top 3 Reasons to Attend!

- 1.** Become more effective and efficient in your efforts to secure federal benefits for your Catholic school students by acquiring the latest information on ESEA/NCLB.
- 2.** Learn the best practices—and avoid the pitfalls—for private school participation in IDEA through an analysis of the Mid-Atlantic IDEA survey.
- 3.** Interact with nationally-known experts and bring expertise back to your school, diocese, or organization.

Learn from These Renowned Experts

Keynote Speaker: Gerard Robinson, Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Virginia and former President of the Black Alliance for Educational Options

Maureen Dowling, Director, Office of Non-Public Education, U.S. Department of Education.

Michelle Doyle, CEO, Michelle Doyle Educational Consultant and ACE Consulting Federal Access Initiative

Maury Litwack, Deputy Director, Public Affairs, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America

Michael Merola, Partner, Winning Strategies Washington

Mary Ellen Russell, Executive Director, Maryland Catholic Conference

Convenient Location and Accommodations

The Conference Center at the Maritime Institute
692 Maritime Boulevard, Linthicum Heights, MD
Located near BWI airport, Amtrak Station, and I-95

The Conference Center features inexpensive conference-quality accommodations and a free shuttle from BWI Rail Station. You will enjoy a special room rate of \$135 per night (plus tax), which includes dinner and breakfast. Contact the Conference Center at **866-900-3517** or visit their website at **www.ccmit.org** to make a reservation.

Register for the conference online at:

www.midatlanticcsc.org/federal

\$158 per person or **\$350** for a group of three!
Fee includes conference kit, continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshment breaks.

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