



## Winter Summit 2022 Agenda

### Finding Opportunities in the Face of Critical Shortages

**Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022:** 3pm-5pm EST

#### Welcome to the Winter Summit

3:00-3:30 Opening Session & Introduction

3:30-5:00 Opening Panel

- The Biden Administration's First Year: Reflections from Biden Administration Appointees
    - Speakers: **Dr. Jessica Cardichon**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for K-12, Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education; **Ms. Valerie Williams**, Director, Office of Special Education Programs, Department of Education; **Dr. Kim Knackstedt**, Director of Disability Policy, Domestic Policy Council, The White House
- Moderator: Dr. Jane West

**Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** 2pm-4:30pm EST

#### Update from the Hill

2:00-3:00 Washington Update & HECSE Priorities for Hill Visits

- A report on the current state of policy & politics in DC and HECSE's priorities for the coming year

3:00-4:00 Congressional Panel

- A bipartisan panel of staffers on the current state of policy & politics in DC
  - **Moira Lenehan**, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI), Member of U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations; **Brad Thomas**, Senior Education Policy Advisor, Office of Ranking Member Dr. Virginia Fox (R-NC), U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor; **Melissa Belin**, Professional Staff, Office of Chair Bobby Scott (D-VA), U. S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor; and **Amanda Lowe**, Director of Disability Policy, Office of Chair Patty Murray (D-WA), U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)

4:00-4:30 Preparing for Hill Visits

- Tips from experienced HECSE members on how to make the most of your Hill visits; time to coordinate with same state constituents

**\*\*\* Two-week break to allow for flexibility in meeting with legislators and allow for members from the same state to coordinate visits. \*\*\***

**Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** 3pm-5:30pm EST

#### Debriefing & Priority Setting

3:00-4:00 Hill Visit Debrief

- Open format discussion of how meetings went with our congressional representatives

4:00-5:00 Keynote

- Addressing Special Educator Shortages: A View from the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
  - **Katy Neas**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

5:00-5:30 HECSE Priority Setting

- Business Meeting & board elections

**Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021:** 2pm-4:30pm EST

**Updates from the Field**

2:00-3:00 NCSEER Update

- An update from the National Center for Special Education Research with **Joan McLaughlin**

3:00-4:00 OSEP Update

- An update from the Office of Special Education Programs with **Larry Wexler, Celia Rosenquist, & Sarah Allen**

4:00-4:30 Wrap Up

- Closing presentation from the President of HECSE

\*Times and topics may change depending on availability of speakers