



CCCECE ShoutOut! PREPARING FOR THIS YEAR'S BUDGET FIGHT

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Sent on Behalf of Joel Gordon, CCCECE President:

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Please take the time to answer these survey questions
(Survey deadline December 5, 2012)
Your assistance is imperative!

Folks,

I know that title sounds ominous, maybe even pushy, but your assistance is truly needed in order to make the case for our lab schools and campus children's centers. When this semester started we sent out a survey with one crucial question at the end: **Are there currently discussions in your district about closing lab school/children's center operations. Fifty schools responded and almost half (23) said that those discussions were happening now.** If this year's budget fight develops, as expected we can expect further cuts to our program which could lead to their elimination on many campuses. The ramifications for the student parents we serve and the students we're trying to educate are profound. Many will not be able to complete their education.

Last year, during the budget hearings, we found that one of the most effective responses we gave to legislators as they considered cutting our programs was the information regarding who is served by our programs and why they are at college. When the legislators heard that one campus would have to terminate 35 students enrolled in health sciences studies and another 18 that were enrolled in public safety programs, or that 10 were enrolled in business studies, and another 15 were pursuing careers as teachers, that made a difference. The cuts and realignment were either eliminated or mitigated by their having this information.

What we need to do now is document on every campus that will be eliminated if your program is closed. Therefore, we're asking you to respond to one more **very brief** survey. It will ask only **two questions**:

1. What is the name of your district?
2. What careers are student parents pursuing and how many student parents are in those career groups.

How many parents are pursuing an educational pathway leading to a degree or certificate in?

Health Occupations _____

Public Safety _____

Business _____

Sciences _____

Education _____
Trades (auto, machines, welding, etc.) _____
Community Service _____
Other _____

It will be easier for you if you collect the information **before** you do the survey. This is information collected by all CDD subsidized programs and shouldn't take too long to collect before you begin taking the survey. **We believe this information will be critically important in the coming months.**

I know we all feel "survey fatigue" and this is the third time this year we have asked for information. Please know that this information is making a difference. When we are asked by policy makers about how cuts will affect us and the families we serve having this data is critical and effective.

The link to our survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9DQXN2Q>

[Please submit your survey by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 5, 2012.](#)

Thank you for help.

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