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| Council of Administrators of Special Education**December 12, 2013** |

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| **Dear Michael Regan,** As you know, CASE has been involved with NDD United, a coalition of 3200 stakeholder associations,  from the beginning to help fight Sequestration and the disastrous impact on Education and other important services to our students, families, schools, districts, and states. Below is an update from this coalition concerning the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 (BBA 2013) that your CASE leadership thought you should see. Please notice there are two separate messages with important resources embedded in the content. Watch for additional resources both from NDDUnited and CASE. While the BBA 2013 isn't all we would have hoped for, it does provided some very needed relief! CASE leadership is working on a letter to send to Congress to express our support for funding IDEA programs.  As soon as the letter is available, we will post on our website and our fFacebook page. If you have not LIKED the CASE Facebook page, do so now as the quickest way to get updates will be from the [CASE FACEBOOK](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001I9_b6RtgteFYI0UijMkJu_UtyJkUgUu5ltnWlJTUeDfDupY1TOrT1MwbbplVhoJn6r9_SuxpkDPUhg-O0WuOoEG9CJczSweLmO27PdJbdEmMi-vO-D4RYhKWtMxqX1HTtBcIr0Ta-Yiow7U6HAC5Oz0sHyWXqZhfx-V_UUnEsVp-hpjvXkX4Hg==&c=g-2pwB8n2WoJDix-OE5ADWIgy3webn0Mg-ZdxOnWk_JzbWo9ffzp-Q==&ch=BEUcpp9outdW3YyBX_Cnh2mWbM50_YrWTbnhUeNVlHBEKj0NSytd8Q==) page!  Luann L. Purcell, Ed.DExecutive DirectorPS. I have sent you the link to the document Faces of Austerity before but if you have not downloaded and read that document yet, please do so. The link is in the 2nd message below or [CLICK HERE](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001I9_b6RtgteFYI0UijMkJu_UtyJkUgUu5ltnWlJTUeDfDupY1TOrT1Dvla9BBEQQaH6V9KGlbVv_M3pg4Vvz4TnwhgkzUoWFhb4-ExzBuXksm3tYjXnQHUBnKiq_F4t_LekFfg7atHhGov7cGosjEAjUXpMwODPlBGPYYlQBelYD9I-QtWdAjxKdlpxGIOpyoifh7kybBNQ_49eT-6Nsh1AR26hi98wKP3spt27LoDaU=&c=g-2pwB8n2WoJDix-OE5ADWIgy3webn0Mg-ZdxOnWk_JzbWo9ffzp-Q==&ch=BEUcpp9outdW3YyBX_Cnh2mWbM50_YrWTbnhUeNVlHBEKj0NSytd8Q==) |

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| **NDD United Supports the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013**[CLICK HERE](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001I9_b6RtgteFYI0UijMkJu_UtyJkUgUu5ltnWlJTUeDfDupY1TOrT1Dvla9BBEQQa889E2sx0xAl7t8AcDK21fMPTiQXtaNRDb1SByncB8wjv8YrNmT4gq49j2sefoZfdR_OJrxmLtyW8DHK8NvMoFlj4MrzNXNd7IU5SLYfDh1a7rr_yHvfQ0gOJCAIlF3eL9ybOEm9lftkn57o3fj8X20dqO7rVyqhN3_Zvcajs9zdH-r45GFb-NrcgK4jr7UCe0cfukK4j95w=&c=g-2pwB8n2WoJDix-OE5ADWIgy3webn0Mg-ZdxOnWk_JzbWo9ffzp-Q==&ch=BEUcpp9outdW3YyBX_Cnh2mWbM50_YrWTbnhUeNVlHBEKj0NSytd8Q==) to download the NDD United Statement on the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 (BBA) that we sent to every congressional office along with our media contacts this morning. We encourage you to do the same. Thanks as always to Sharon Parrott and the folks at the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities for their guidance. While the deal is not perfect, it does replace some of the sequestration cuts in FY14 and FY15 and is better than the status quo. We urge organizations to do their own statements in support of the BBA and have included the text of the NDD United statement below to help. Feel free to copy and paste or borrow language. Here are some of the BBA relevant documents in one convenient location:* Summary of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013  [bba2013summary.pdf](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001I9_b6RtgteFYI0UijMkJu_UtyJkUgUu5ltnWlJTUeDfDupY1TOrT1Dvla9BBEQQa2hEYEkdpC1TAQibtBdQo4fJPQ-KqGBRxmcaHyjq6t1Z9wmjfnNsEunB1YrWdPVeoA9uuiYxh2J7AQW8TTtyDDdsA99wiQL8dmMQjD9-fZ9DUgXwogby3XPqQSa7rG7ywSFjZVEt8F2odAw4cTzHFDGQsKY0x3-gC2WV_eb4y_G_00FvQm9Gu02hhY7ScCR00uRn9axAwipxc7NQqK8sEVxLx4BhfpC3oz7hONx_Hh4U=&c=g-2pwB8n2WoJDix-OE5ADWIgy3webn0Mg-ZdxOnWk_JzbWo9ffzp-Q==&ch=BEUcpp9outdW3YyBX_Cnh2mWbM50_YrWTbnhUeNVlHBEKj0NSytd8Q==) (93.7 KBs)
* Legislative Text of Bipartisan Budget Act  [BipartisanBudgetActFINAL.pdf](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001I9_b6RtgteFYI0UijMkJu_UtyJkUgUu5ltnWlJTUeDfDupY1TOrT1Dvla9BBEQQabZGzANjArwcNfeefYpnVzMYSO5cU93VZWOchdRgLozTz7QOdQEQ_Mmv5KzmHhpviA1u9aBpxL03Xgw1PG2ND3TjhEdB-3SizyeGdJS3S-XkJEtiBfmEwdRwJ3lj8-YZ3ZdFPj5WrahKqMgz0DDHGbyhvCrkUbjLT_9ttQZcRX_ZCWRr2WNfI1ahcUaezvLgNmnhOW6Es22j1LrMalDehBF3OafzrkR71ou4VKqXqqMo=&c=g-2pwB8n2WoJDix-OE5ADWIgy3webn0Mg-ZdxOnWk_JzbWo9ffzp-Q==&ch=BEUcpp9outdW3YyBX_Cnh2mWbM50_YrWTbnhUeNVlHBEKj0NSytd8Q==) (197.4 KBs)
* Section By Section Analysis of Bipartisan Budget Act  [Section-by-Section-FINAL.pdf](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001I9_b6RtgteFYI0UijMkJu_UtyJkUgUu5ltnWlJTUeDfDupY1TOrT1Dvla9BBEQQat_WvVAcaI3oQqI68ImpyRxh3YqIXYcypfBuLxcN8N0_6NVDusCGTe4l-znAH1rRcCVvWV8WbEjsSoOmWCwh2KbtzzPjTqa68m17QaTLQ5UAb1K706gG9YFtSFC1V1JVHgQVtJYrgY5uskTMkVwy6Fbo0hqhZ0_8vysEJ84l5RZlbljXDHGQvC6WO05_6mzvq9aKeVHgH2WDmHCV4EbwKiUfS0GtJbSKTfxahWnDbsKg=&c=g-2pwB8n2WoJDix-OE5ADWIgy3webn0Mg-ZdxOnWk_JzbWo9ffzp-Q==&ch=BEUcpp9outdW3YyBX_Cnh2mWbM50_YrWTbnhUeNVlHBEKj0NSytd8Q==) (97.6 KBs)

The House Rules Committee met yesterday on the budget deal.  It was being offered as an amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.J. Res. 59. This is the original FY 2014 CR that passed the House but was never finalized. For those interested, rules will also consider as a second amendment to the CR a short term Medicare doc fix: Pathway for SGR Reform Act of 2013. Thank you for your continued support of NDD United! Best,Emily J. Holubowich, MPPCo-Chair |

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