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Congratulations to Metro Technology Center

Metro Tech raised $1,000 to win the Casy Cundiff Scholarship Donor Award. This traveling plaque is given to the technology center that raises the most funds for the Casy Cundiff Scholarship. The scholarship is available to assist a student with a disability in accessing or completing a CareerTech education career major and/or entering into the occupation for which he/she has trained. It is based on an individual with a disability who has overcome barriers to achieve success in his/her career major, leading to successful employment.

New law governs verbal threats and threatening behavior

Oklahoma schools will have a new law to consider this year when threats are involved. According to Senate Bill 1150, law enforcement shall be notified of any verbal threat or act of threatening behavior that reasonably may have the potential to endanger students, school personnel or school property. The new law went into effect July 1 and can be viewed at http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2017-18%20ENR/SB/SB1150%20ENR.PDF.

Schools may want to consider risk assessment training to educate staff on determining the relative risk of a violent act and addressing supportive behavioral interventions. Oklahoma Directors of Special Services is offering school-based risk assessment training in Oklahoma City and Pryor for more details go to https://www.ccosa.org/index.php?events&a=view&event_id=294.

Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act regulations scrutinized

A bill has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives that would make changes to the WIOA regulations, including clarification of the definition of competitive integrated employment. Other changes being considered with H.R. 5658 include vocational rehabilitation agencies providing more supports for transition from school to work. https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5658/actions

University establishes support program for students with autism

The University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma has developed a program designed for students with high-functioning autism spectrum disorder. The program will provide assistance as the students work to obtain bachelor’s degrees. For details about the program go to https://usao.edu/Neill-Wint.
Hawaii settles special education lawsuit for $10.2 million
In 2010, Hawaii lawmakers had developed a cap of 20 years for students with disabilities. This cap did not exist for students without disabilities. In fact, students over the age of 20, without disabilities, could enroll in community schools for adults. Students affected by the discrimination may receive up to $20,000. https://tinyurl.com/ydh9pg2y

Appeals court backing pro-transgender policy
Are you prepared to address issues around transgender students and restrooms? Read this article, from Education Week, for insight into the possible consequences of some transgender policies from U.S. Circuit Judge Theodore A. McKee. https://tinyurl.com/yd7y484e

Events
• GUIDANCEFEST 2018
  o Sept. 25, 2018 – Autry Tech Center, Enid
  o Sept. 27, 2018 – Red River Tech, Duncan
  o Oct. 4, 2018 – Tulsa Tech, Owasso
  o Oct. 9, 2018 – Wes Watkins Tech, Wetumka
  o Oct. 11, 2018 – Metro Tech, Springlake Campus, Oklahoma City

Resources
Do you need in-service or employee training ideas? Oklahoma CareerTech Equity and Diversity Specialist Dr. Quentin J. Sanders can help you offer interactive training. Diversity Inclusion Awareness Training

The National Center on Accessible Educational Materials provides resources and technical assistance for educators. http://aem.cast.org/

Quote
How a society treats its disabled is a true measure of a civilization. -- Chen Guangcheng

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