

AGENDA

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Open
7:30 – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 8:45 am	Morning Welcome
8:45 – 9:30 am	Overview of Federal Grassroots Advocacy Strategy: 2017 and Beyond
9:30 – 10:30 am	Power of Affiliates to Shape Change – Minds, Policies, and Practices
10:30 – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 – 11:45 am	Influence of Parents and Third Party Validators to Drive Change
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch Keynote: Building, Supporting, and Implementing a Successful Grassroots Culture
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the new Administration
2:15 – 2:45 pm	Dessert Break
2:45 – 3:30 pm	Importance of Equity: Lessons Learned from Special Education and Delivering Your Message to Elected Leaders
3:30 – 4:15 pm	Using Research to Inform Federal Advocacy
4:15 – 4:45 pm	Hill Advocacy: Best Practices
4:45 – 5:15 pm	Wrap-up, Questions and Feedback, and Congressional Packet Pick-Up

Dinner and Evening Activities On Your Own

MONDAY, MARCH 13

7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 – 8:45 am	Welcome
8:45 – 9:30 am	Report from the National Center for Research on Gifted Education
9:30 – 11:30 am	Nuts and Bolts of Running a Non-Profit: Three 30 Minute Rotating Sessions <i>(Conference participants will pick which breakout sessions they want to attend)</i> Four topics from which to choose: Board Governance, Conferences, Engagement, and Technology Session One: 9:30 – 10:00 am Session Two: 10:15 – 10:45 am Session Three: 11:00 – 11:30 am

MONDAY, MARCH 13 (continued)

- 11:30 am – 12:10 pm **Communications and Messaging with the Media**
- 12:10 – 1:30 pm **Lunch (Plated lunch to allow for informal dialogue)**
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm **Gifted Education: Latest Polling and Data Trends**
- 2:30 – 3:30 pm **State and Local Policies Make a Difference: Panel and Group Discussion**
- 3:30 – 3:45 pm **Wrap-up**
- 3:45 – 4:15 pm **Dessert Reception**
- 4:15 – 5:15 pm
(*Optional*) **Technical Assistance Session for First Time Advocates**
Informal Opportunity to Discuss Concerns, Best Practices, and Share Stories

Dinner and Evening Activities On Your Own

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

- 8:00 – 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 4:00 pm **Congressional Visits (For individuals who would like to walk over as a group, we'll meet in the hotel lobby at 9:00 am)**