

**“A master can tell you what he expects of you.
A teacher, though, awakens your own expectations.” - Patricia Neal**

Welcome back to the 2018-2019 school year! It is amazing how fast the summer months flew by. I confess that June is a month where I always need the entire month to recoup and refresh my body mentally, spiritually, and physically before I actually feel well rested and ready to enjoy summer. I hope you were able to do the same.

As educators, we have such a unique and high-demanding job on all fronts. We have to make sure we meet state standards, address goals on IEPs, accommodate and/or modify on a daily basis, and make parents aware of all things happening at school. Our job is demanding! While demanding, teaching offers some of the best rewards in life that other jobs do not provide. These rewards are not financial, but as Henry Adams stated, “A teacher affects eternity: he can never tell where his influence stops.”

As we begin the 2018-2019 school year, take some time to reflect on what Henry Adams said. We do not know where our influence stops. Each day, through our actions and our words, we make an impression upon our students, and they know the teachers who have their backs and want the best for them. On a daily basis, our influence affects how children see themselves as students and as someone in society. We have an opportunity to make a difference and the influence can carry over years later. This influence can happen in so many ways. As you begin mentally preparing for the school year, take time to reflect on your own personal goals and how you hope to “awaken” expectations for your students and influence your class of 2018-2019. This is your year to make the reward of teaching the best it has ever been!

The Colorado Council for the Learning Disabilities anxiously anticipates the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. We are actively working on ways to enrich the lives of teachers, especially in the field of learning disabilities. This fall, we welcome new board members who will fill newly created positions designed to address the needs of our members in the most effective way possible. Here are some highlights to pay attention to as we continue to provide educational opportunities for our members:

- **Professional Development Scholarships:** We award up to \$200 per individual for professional-development scholarships. These individual

scholarships total up to \$2,000 annually. These are funds to defray personal conferences expenses. Please check out our website for additional details.

- **Tuition Scholarships:** If you are seeking an advanced degree or certification in the area of learning disabilities, including course work in literacy or math, we offer scholarships to help defray personal educational costs. Please check out our website for these academic opportunities.
- **CCLD Classroom Research Project:** Teachers who successfully complete action research in their classroom may be awarded a \$500 grant for instructional materials for their students. This year, specific funds were donated in memory of a former board member. This contribution will allow us to increase the number of research grants offered for the upcoming Please see our website for more details.
- **Math on the “PLANES”:** This year, we are excited to announce that Steve Leinwand will present on “Making Math Work Far More Effectively for Our Special and Struggling K-6 Students” on February 22 and 23, 2019. Visit our website for additional information and to register.
- **Other Updates:** We will continue to update our website with additional conferences that take place around the state.