

# QUALITY EDUCATION COALITION

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Dear Friend:

As I am sure you are aware, special education in Wisconsin needs as many allies as possible in these challenging times. While we had significant success in the 2007-09 biennial budget by getting an increase in state special education funding, that funding is still woefully inadequate. We continue to work on trying to pass our bill to limit the use of seclusion and restraints in Wisconsin schools, and to make such use safe when it has to be used in an emergency or pursuant to an agreed upon IEP. In addition, we are putting a lot of pressure on the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to develop a good regulation on special education eligibility for children with learning disabilities.

The Quality Education Coalition (QEC) is Wisconsin's only coalition of parents, educators and advocates, that works together to improve the quality of special education in Wisconsin on a systemic basis. Indeed, QEC works on a wide variety of issues which affect the quality of special education delivered to children with disabilities in Wisconsin. In addition to those big ticket items mentioned above, we are regularly meeting with DPI to improve the way that it enforces state and federal special education law at the local level.

QEC pushes for improvement in Wisconsin's special education system in many ways, including:

- Regular meetings with DPI to advocate for better state administration of special education;
- Meetings with the Governor's office and state legislators to advocate for increased funding and better special education policies;
- Participation in the Wisconsin Special Education Stakeholders meetings which not only works on revision to state special education law, but provides critical advice to DPI about how to monitor school districts.

While we certainly appreciate the financial assistance to QEC that your membership brings, which helps QEC do its work, you will receive other benefits by joining QEC, including:

- Members can participate in any of our meetings, in person or by phone;
- Members receive regular updates by e-mail (or regular mail, if you do not have e-mail) on both state and federal special education issues.
- Members can participate in our list serve to receive timely updates and chat with each other about special education issues of common interest.

As we gear up for the 2007-09 biennial budget battles, now is a critical time to join QEC. We welcome your new or continued membership!

If you have any questions about QEC, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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\_\_\_ YES, I/we want to be a member of Quality Education Coalition (2009)

\_\_\_ YES, I/we want to renew our membership for 2009

___ <b>Family/Individual Membership</b>	\$20.00	___ <b>Organizational Membership</b>	
		___ Budget under \$100,000	\$ 50.00
		___ Budget under \$300,000	\$100.00
		___ Budget over \$300,000	\$150.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent , or professional title)

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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I wish to be invited to the QEC List Serve (List Serve members receive all QEC information.)