

# QUALITY EDUCATION COALITION

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Dear Friend:

Special education programs and funding in Wisconsin need as many allies as possible in these challenging times. The Governor's 2013-2015 biennial budget provided no increase in the reimbursement rate in overall categorical aids and no additional investment in the high-cost fund to relieve pressure on local school districts. The current 2013-2015 budget diverts critical public school resources to private schools through the school choice program with the threat of more funding leaving public school through the continuing special needs voucher proposals.

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 services in Wisconsin on a systemic basis. QEC works on a wide variety of issues affecting the quality of special education supports delivered to children with disabilities in Wisconsin. In addition to those big items mentioned above, we meet regularly with DPI to collaborate on issues related to special education services.

QEC advocates 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;
- Meeting with other special education stakeholders to work on special education-related issues of mutual interest including revisions to state special education laws.

Your QEC membership allows you to:

- Participate in all of our meetings, in person ( WIBPDD/Madison office or WI FACETS/Milwaukee office) or by toll-free conference line;
- Receive timely updates via our QEC Email List Serve (or regular mail, if you do not have e-mail) on both state and federal special education issues;
- Exchange ideas about special education issues of common interest.

We welcome your new or continued membership!

If you have any questions about QEC, feel free to contact one of our co-chairs.

Sincerely,

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YES, I/we want to be a member of Quality Education Coalition for 2014

YES, I/we want to renew our membership 2014

**Family/Individual Membership**

**Organizational Membership**

\$20.00

Budget under \$100,000 \$ 50.00

Budget under \$300,000 \$100.00

Budget under \$500,000 \$150.00

Budget over \$1,000,000 \$250.00

Optional Extra donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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I wish to be invited to the QEC Email List Serve