Reauthorization of IDEA/ESEA by Statute, Regulations, or Funding
What is going on Reauthorization

- Congress working on rewriting ESEA
  - Senate
    - Gang of four
    - Draft by the end of Spring
    - Amendments
  - House
    - Three to five bills
    - First one HR 1891 this Wednesday
What is going on - Regulations

- Regulator Reform ï cutting of ñred-tape.ò
- Granting of waivers ï instead of reauthorization
What is going on with Funding

- House ì moving into appropriations phase with an overall cut back to 2004 levels
  - Appropriations ìmark-upì for FY 12 in late July
- Senate ì voting this week on budget
  - Will vote on House measure & President's Feb 14th budget ì all will fail
- Debt Ceiling ì cuts being proposed in direct relationship to increases in debt ceiling
  - Vice President Biden leading discussions on grand compromise
Big Issues

- Role of federal government
  - How prescriptive to be in Title I, Title III (ELL), IDEA
- Relationship of competitive to formula grants
  - Race to the Top vs IDEA/Title I
- Role of college and career ready standards
  - How do we transition from NCLB to new
  - Assessments; lots of issues
  - Alternatives to Common Core State Standards
More specific issues

- Relationship of IDEA to Title I
  - Supplement not supplant
  - Maintenance of effort
  - Data collection
- Relationship of Head Start and early childhood programs to education (K-12)
- Links between teacher ed and high need areas
- How does LEARN/Striving Readers fit in?
- How categoricals fit in?
Where does LD sit?

- Costs of IDEA: governors voting on pushing for special ed funding
- Role of federal government?
- Universal design: seems to be an accepted principle
- RTI/MTSS: high interest
What to watch when

- LEARN introduction in House
- Passage of votes on HR 1891
- Will Senate have draft by “end of Spring”?
- How deep the debt ceiling will cut education
- How deep will the House budget cuts be in July
- Will US ED move towards a regulatory change for NCLB & IDEA?