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Public Briefing
***Federal Response to Teacher Shortage Impacts on Students
with Disabilities***

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WASHINGTON D.C. -- The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a [briefing](#) on, Friday, November 15, 2024, on how national teacher shortages, exacerbated by the 2020 pandemic, have impacted students with disabilities. The investigation will focus on challenges schools face in hiring and retaining special education professionals, and the federal government's response to address these challenges.

During the briefing, the Commission will hear from experts, including government officials, current and former educators, researchers, and impacted persons. The public is invited to submit written comments as we prepare our report; submit to teachershortage@usccr.gov no later than December 16, 2024.

DATE:

Friday, November 15, 2024, 10 am – 4:50 pm ET*

LOCATION:

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
1331 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 1150
Washington, DC 20425 (National Place Building F Street Entrance)

Introductory Remarks: 10:00 – 10:10 am

Panel 1: Public Education in the Post-Pandemic Era: 10:10 – 11:20 am

Break: 11:20 – 11:30 am

Panel 2: Education Advocacy Discussion of the Teacher Shortage: 11:30 am – 12:40 pm

Lunch: 12:40 – 2:10 pm

Panel 3: From the Field: Educators on the Teacher Shortage: 2:10 pm – 3:20 pm

Break: 3:20 – 3:30 pm

Panel 4: From the Field: Hearing from Impacted Persons: 3:30– 4:40 pm

Closing Remarks: 4:40 – 4:50 pm

Adjourn Meeting.

****The briefing will also be [live-streamed](#) on the Commission's YouTube page, virtual attendance is encouraged due to limited space.****

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*Schedule subject to change

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