



Veterans Panel

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STARTING STRONG... STAYING STRONG



TIME MACHINE: If we could go back, what advice would we give ourselves?





Reflect deeply on who you are as a special education leader

What is your purpose for this work?

What are the legal, moral, and ethical principles that guide your decision-making?

What is your ideal vision for a special education program?



Slow down and assess your environment

What are the beliefs and values in your district related to education? Do the stated beliefs and values align with what you see in practice?

What is the gap between your ideal vision and the current environment?

Do others share your vision?

As you work with others, in what areas will you need to be flexible vs. firm?



You can't do this by yourself

Build relationships with other leaders.

The students we serve are general education students first. We can't serve them on the periphery of basic education. We have to be a part of it. This is especially important for increasing inclusive practices.



Questions?