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IECA, the premier professional association in our field with the highest ethical standards, can be a partner for legislation and policy-making regarding supporting students and protecting families as they make educational transitions and placements.

Founded in 1976, the Independent Educational Consultants Association is the nation's leading professional organization for educational advisors working in private practice. Independent educational consultants help students and families navigate educational opportunities, including college admissions, navigating costs and financial aid, and boarding/day schools and graduate school admissions. IECA's members provide individual attention, first-hand knowledge of hundreds of relevant educational opportunities, the time to explore options, and the guidance necessary to help students and families make the best possible decisions for their futures.

IECA requires all members of its association to include a master's degree in counseling or an appropriate field or similar experience and training, a minimum of three years of experience in the profession, and scores of on-site campus evaluations. Each application is reviewed by a committee of respected peers, assuring professionalism and competence. IECA members have, on average, visited and evaluated more than 150 campuses each (about 20% of their time annually) to stay knowledgeable and up-to-date.

We have nearly 3,000 member educational consultants across the United States and hundreds more globally who are committed to providing students and families with individualized guidance to find the right school, college, or program that matches a student's academic, social, and financial needs and guide them through the search and application process.

IECA members offer an unrivaled level of expertise, competence, and professionalism. IECA members complete an ethics course and sign an annual pledge that governs their interactions with schools, colleges, programs, students, and parents. They agree to avoid any action that distorts or misrepresents a student's record or interferes with admission personnel's ability to get an accurate picture of a student. IECA members affirm yearly that they will accept no compensation from any institution in exchange for placement or referral.

IECA members can provide expert guidance on the following:

- College admissions (global & domestic)
- Graduate school admissions
- Financial aid
- Boarding/day schools
- Learning disabilities
- Therapeutic guidance
- Adolescent anxiety and depression
- Neurodiversity