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As an Education Commission of the States commissioner, you play an important role in providing leadership for our organization as well as for your own state's education agendas. To fully utilize our services and engage in your role as a commissioner, please connect with us in the ways outlined below. Remember, we are your education policy team!

- Follow us online. Encourage your colleagues to follow us, too. Education Commission of the States is active on many popular social media sites. To receive alerts when new reports are released, view photos and updates from events, and access education policy news, please follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

- [facebook.com/edcommission](https://www.facebook.com/edcommission)
- twitter.com/edcommission

- Join us at our two annual convenings. There are two main opportunities to convene with your education policy team and other commissioners throughout the year. First, the [National Forum on Education Policy](#) is held at the end of June and is an opportunity to network with the nation's top education leaders, hear from expert speakers and increase your knowledge on innovative education policy. Second, the [Winter Commissioners Meeting](#) is held in early December and is geared exclusively towards commissioners. For two days, gather to hear from experts, share ideas, prepare for the year ahead and provide critical feedback to your education policy team.

- Call us to talk through implications of pending legislation or a key issue your state is facing. We provide unbiased advice on policy plans and review and consult on proposed legislation. Call us today at 303.299.3600.

- Ask us to present as unbiased experts in meetings or hearings. As your education policy team, we are able to provide expert presentations at legislative hearings, task forces and work groups as third-party experts. To request assistance, contact us at: www.ecs.org/convene-counsel/request-assistance/.

- Call us when you need specific policy research. As your education policy team, Education Commission of the States is available to all states – at any time – to provide expert council on education policy. If we don't have a report or database readily available, simply give us a couple days and we'll get you the information you need. We stand ready to support you. Call us today at 303.299.3600.

- Ask us for an introduction to a colleague in another state. Education Commission of the States also brings education leaders together within and across states to collaborate at issue- and role-specific meetings. We believe in creating opportunities for policymakers to interact and learn from each other. We can connect you with a peer in another state who has implemented a specific policy of interest. Call us to connect you at 303.299.3600.



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Your education policy team.

- Invite us to your state. We will gladly meet with other commissioners, key staff or other influential education policymakers to help learn how to better support your state's educational goals.

- Advocate our services to your networks. Remember, you don't have to be a commissioner to benefit from the services we provide. As a commissioner, it is your role to share our services with your colleagues and networks. Think about who may find our resources useful and share the wealth. Some easy ways to help include:

- Forward our report releases to your staff or colleagues via e-mail. We've made this really easy to do! Just use our sample e-mail in the [Commissioner's Toolkit](#).
- Invite a constituent to join you at the National Forum on Education Policy.
- Share Education Commission of the States' new website: www.ecs.org. Through a simple search and filtering system, it's easy to find information on policies ranging from early learning through postsecondary.
- Start a conversation with staff or other colleagues about our assistance services – unbiased advice on policy plans, consultation on proposed legislation and testimony at legislative hearings. Assistance can be requested online at: www.ecs.org/convene-counsel/request-assistance.
- Tell your staff about us and encourage them to reach out whenever they need education policy support.