AGENDA

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Registration Open
SECOND FLOOR FOYER

12 – 1:30 p.m.
Opening Plenary
ROOM: GRAND BALLROOM
PRESENTERS
Jeremy Anderson, President, Education Commission of the States; Carissa Miller, Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers; Tim Storey, Executive Director, National Conference of State Legislatures
MODERATOR
Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Oklahoma

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ROOM: BLUEBELL
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STATE SPOTLIGHT A
Strengthening Dual Enrollment in Nebraska
PRESENTER
Matthew Blomstedt, Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Education
MODERATOR
Mike Baumgartner, Executive Director, Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

CONCURRENT B
Improving Teacher Retention Through Policy Alignment
ROOM: ASTER
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systems can ease career continuity for teachers across state lines. Continuing education requirements for license renewal that are aligned with teacher growth paths — whether through structured skill building via micro-credentials or advanced certifications to expand subject matter expertise — can turn a compliance exercise into a career development opportunity. This session explores how states are creatively addressing licensure portability and renewal in service of improving teacher retention.

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STATE SPOTLIGHT B
Hawaii’s Approach to Teacher Licensure Reciprocity

PRESENTER
Lynn Hammonds, Executive Director, Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

ROOM: BLUEBELL

3:30 – 3:45 p.m. BREAK

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PARTNER SPOTLIGHTS
State Policies for Successful Teacher Leadership

ROOM: BLUEBELL

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ACCELERATING PATHWAYS TO POSTSECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES USING TABE

ROOM: ROSE

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5 – 6 p.m.

Networking Reception

ROOM: FIRESIDE, LOBBY LEVEL

7 – 8 p.m.

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CONCURRENT C
Building a Culture of Information to Tackle Education and Workforce Challenges
ROOM: ROSE
States have dramatically improved their education and workforce data systems since the beginning of the millennium, yet many education stakeholders—from policymakers to parents—must still make major decisions in the dark. In this interactive session, participants will consider how to strengthen the culture of information in their states so that decision-makers have the information they need to identify and address their most pressing challenges. Join experts and leading practitioners in state education data to explore strategies such as creating a vision for what data should accomplish, coordinating data systems, building capacity to turn data into information and ensuring better access to information without endangering people’s privacy.

PRESENTER
Aimee Guidera, President, Guidera Strategy

MODERATOR
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