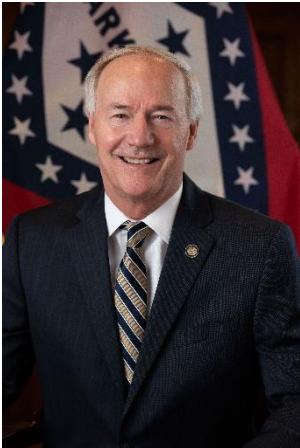


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## EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES ANNOUNCES 2022-23 CHAIR

Education Commission of the States is pleased to announce Gov. Asa Hutchinson, of Arkansas, as its chair. Hutchinson will serve until July 2023.



Hutchinson is the 46th governor of Arkansas, serving since 2015. He has won recognition for the state as a leader in computer science education, and he recently finished a term as chairman of the National Governors Association.

"I'm honored for the opportunity to continue my efforts in expanding computer science education across the nation," Gov. Hutchinson said. "We educate our children to prepare them for the future, and the opportunities for a career in computer science are increasing daily. I'm excited for the opportunity to work with Jeremy and the entire commission to increase educational quality across the country."

Hutchinson will lead the ECS Executive Committee alongside Brittney Miller, Nevada state assemblymember; Margie Vandeven, Missouri's commissioner of education; and Jeremy Anderson, president of Education Commission of the States. The Executive Committee provides strategic direction and oversight for the management, operations and financial policies of Education Commission of the States.

Hutchinson will also lead the Chair's Initiative, focused on expanding access to computer science education. He led a similar initiative while chair of the National Governors Association. Under the governor's leadership, Arkansas has become a leader in computer science education, recently becoming one of the few states in the nation to require a computer science credit for graduation. In recognition of these efforts, Arkansas received the Frank Newman Award for State Innovation in 2020.

Through its research and convenings, Education Commission of the States will continue to elevate state practices that grow computer science access, teacher training and programming as part of the Chair's Initiative.

"I am so pleased to welcome Gov. Hutchinson to our Executive Committee," said Jeremy Anderson, president of Education Commission of the States. "His breadth of expertise and long career in state and federal government will be an asset to our team."