



# States Reimagine Education

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# How NCSL Strengthens Legislatures



## Policy Research

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NCSL provides trusted, nonpartisan policy research and analysis



## Connections

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NCSL links legislators and staff with each other and with experts



## Training

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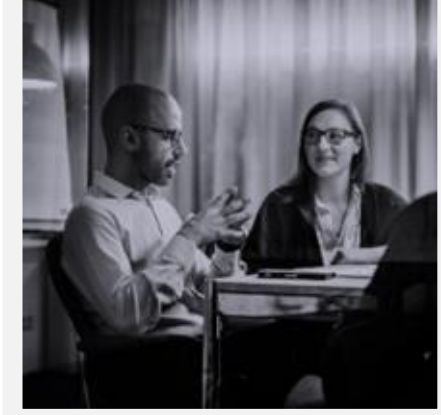
NCSL delivers training tailored specifically for legislators and staff



## State Voice in D.C.

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NCSL represents and advocates on behalf of states on Capitol Hill



## Meetings

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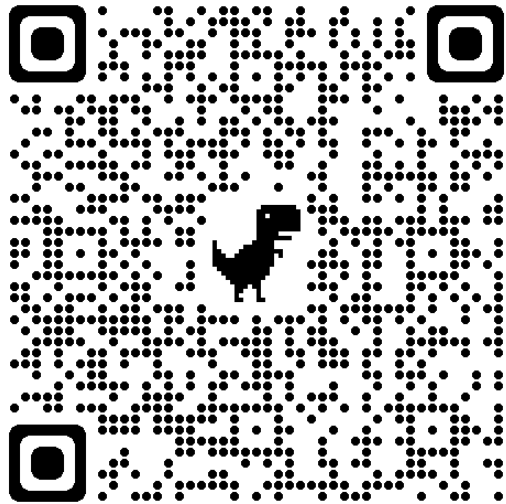
NCSL meetings facilitate information exchange and policy discussions

# Identified Challenges

- By international, national and state measures, our students are struggling, and the gaps are widening.
- The current education system was well built for the economy of a bygone era and doesn't serve our current economy or society.
- The pandemic uncovered some of the frailties of the education system and how it can be improved.
- We can't afford to lose any child – all children must have access to an effective education and eventually meaningful and rewarding work.
- People in the workforce must be afforded opportunities to improve their skills throughout their working years.



# Reports Released



No Time to Lose:

*How to Build a World-Class  
Education System State by State*



The Time is Now:

*Reimagining World-Class State  
Education Systems*

***THE TIME IS NOW to reimagine and rebuild an education system that meets our current challenges and workforce needs. We must seize this opportunity to create a better tomorrow for every child.***

*We, the members of the Legislative International Education Study Group, recognize that our work is particularly relevant in the time of a global pandemic. The pandemic's profound disruption of education—including the challenges of distance learning that schools, students and families faced—exacerbated persistent inequities in the system and created a new urgency for systemic reform.*

*The pandemic also changed the workforce, accelerating the use of artificial intelligence and automation. This will require a new level of skill for students, better coordination between parts of the education system and opportunities for lifelong learning.*

*We know many parents, teachers and students are exhausted after three years of disrupted learning, eager for normalcy and sick of calls for further change. Students and teachers are working very hard to recover. But they are working in broken systems that are no longer designed for success, and we cannot continue to ignore this difficult reality. Silver bullets and siloed policies will not fix this. Instead, we must reimagine and rebuild for success based on policies and practices that work.*

*Our job as legislators is to work with other policymakers and align resources to create a world-class state statutory framework. Our mission as education policymakers is to ensure that every teacher and student can do their best work in a world-class system that supports them to thrive now and in the future. With the right tools, mindset and collaborative spirit, we can accomplish this goal.*

# Creating a Statewide Vision for Education: How to Get Started

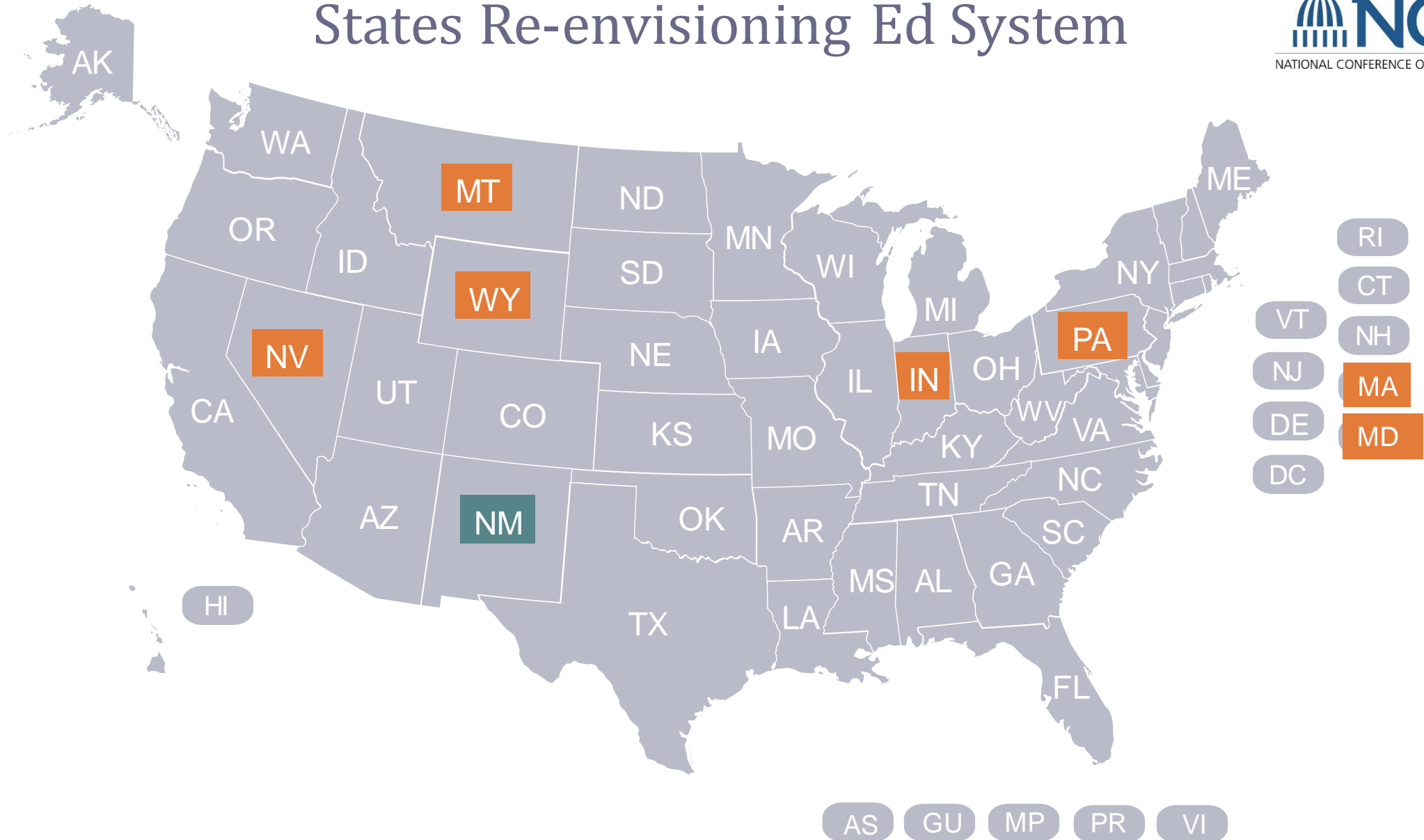
- ✓ Build an Inclusive Team and Set Priorities.
- ✓ Study and Learn from Top Performers.
- ✓ Create a Shared Statewide Vision.
- ✓ Benchmark Policies.
- ✓ Get Started on One Piece.
- ✓ Work Through “Messiness.”
- ✓ Invest the Time.





## Who's Reimagining and Reinventing?

# States Re-envisioning Ed System





# What are they considering?



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Early Education



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Effective Educators



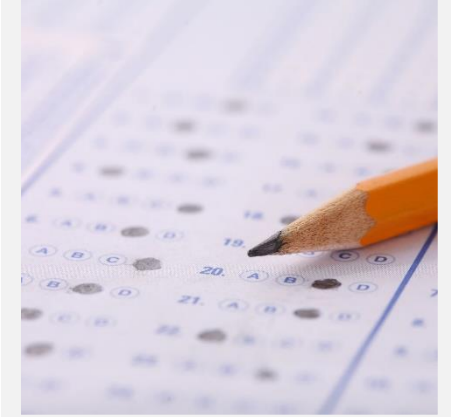
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Career Pathways/CTE



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Instructional System



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Accountability and Assessments



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