



In a constantly changing education landscape, it's critical to prepare and provide teachers with the necessary training, tools, and skills to help all students succeed.

This week's newsletter highlights how states are equipping educators to create a high-quality learning environment for students.

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State Spotlights



The **New Mexico** Public Education Department (NMPED) created the Teachers Pursuing Excellence program, which aims to improve teacher performance through targeted mentorship and support.

This two-year program recruits and selects districts and schools with the capacity to increase student achievement. The program offers high-impact professional development to teachers and leaders, and provides action-focused onsite and distance support to mentee teachers.

NMPED has also created networks of teachers who meet regularly with state officials to learn about the latest policy developments and advise the state on policy and programs to better serve New Mexico's students.

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To promote professional learning opportunities for educators, the **New York** State Board of Regents and Education hosted the *New York Next Generation Learning Standards: Supporting All Students* conferences.

These conferences provide guidance and resources to deepen knowledge and understanding of the English language arts and mathematics learning standards that were revised this year.

Following the conferences, [Professional Development Turnkey Toolkits](#) were made available to provide prepackaged instructional steps and guidelines so educators and administrators can facilitate training on various aspects of the Next Generation Learning Standards within local professional communities.

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The **North Carolina** Department of Public Instruction created online professional development training modules to provide educators the tools to improve students' academic performance, raise awareness of how to address behavioral health issues inside and outside the classroom, and foster communication among schools, students, families, law enforcement, and communities.

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Must Read



In partnership with the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Learning Policy Institute, and Learning Forward, NASBE hosted “State Efforts for Building an Effective, Diverse Teacher Workforce,” a series of webinars on how states can ensure their policies help develop and support a diverse pipeline of teachers.

This webinar highlights industry experts discussed ESSA Title II opportunities for effective professional learning systems and promising practices at the state and local levels.

In addition to this webinar, NASBE published a resource that explores how some states are addressing teacher workforce diversity concerns by expanding residency and induction programs.

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Tools & Resources



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Education Commission of the States shares research on teacher leadership and licensure advancement policies in 50-State Comparison: Teacher Leadership and Licensure Advancement.

This resource showcases the ways states are strengthening teacher pipelines, supporting excellent teaching, and improving retention.

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The States Leading campaign celebrates the progress states are making toward providing equitable education for all students through the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and innovative policies in other key areas of education, such as early childhood education, teacher preparation, and career readiness, among others.

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