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## MARCH

In this month's States Leading newsletter, we highlight school safety initiatives around the country, a Parent Dashboard in New York, and much more.

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### School Safety

**WYOMING**  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



As of February 2019, over 2,242 tips have been reported to **Wyoming's Safe2Tell** app that lets students share anonymous safety concerns to schools and law enforcement. [The Casper Star Tribune](#) says the app transforms students into "first responders before the first responders" and is "a crucial piece in a broader puzzle of school safety."

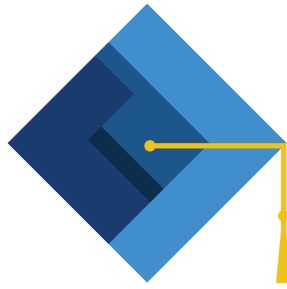
### Career Readiness



*The Sun Herald* published an [opinion piece](#) by **Mississippi** State Board of Education member and former **NASBE** Chair John Kelly on transforming high schools with career technical programs and the significant impact it will have on the future of America's workforce.

### Early Learning

### College/Career Readiness



## OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The **Oklahoma** State Department of Education launched [OKEdge.com](#), a website aimed at preparing Oklahoma students for life beyond high school, and [OSDEconnect](#), an online learning community designed to encourage networking and collaboration among students, educators, and Oklahoma business leaders.

### Stakeholder Engagement



The **New York** State Education Department is gathering feedback from parents and stakeholders to guide its development of a [Parent Dashboard](#) that will help increase transparency and make information about school performance and other school-level data easier for parents to access.

### Mental and Physical Health



The **New Jersey** Department of Education continues to invest in their youngest learners through Governor Phil Murphy's second round of [Preschool Expansion Aid Funding](#), which ensures 2,230 children in 33 school districts high-quality preschool in 2019.

### STEM



## ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The **Arkansas** Department of Education is [partnering with SANS Institute](#) to expand the [Girls Go CyberStart initiative](#), a free online game open to all female students in grades 9 through 12, that aims to inspire the next generation of cybersecurity professionals.

### School Safety



Jeremy Anderson, president of **Education Commission of the States**, and Carissa Moffat Miller, executive director of **CCSSO**, collaborated to write [a piece on how states are creating policies to address school safety](#).

## Early Education



The **Alabama** State Department of Education and the Alabama Department of Public Health announced that the medication Naloxone, designed to rapidly reverse the effects of an opioid overdose, [will soon be available in Alabama public high schools](#) and can be administered by school officials.



**The National Conference of State Legislatures'** Early Care and Education team released [a report](#) on legislation related to child care, prekindergarten, home visiting, parent engagement and support, governance structures, and financing of programs from 2018.

## Teacher Workforce



The **Virginia** Department of Education is [awarding \\$50,000 in grants](#) to help a projected 337 provisionally licensed minority teachers in seven school divisions attain full state licensure.

**We want to hear from you!**

Send your state's stories or organization's resources to  
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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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