In this month’s States Leading newsletter, we highlight social-emotional learning initiatives, a new FAFSA online tool, and turnaround strategies for K-12 school improvement.

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FAFSA

The New York State Education Department launched a new interactive online FAFSA Tracker developed by Data Insight Part to track FAFSA completion rates at high schools across the state.

Teacher Recruitment and Retention

The Arkansas Department of Education celebrates Teacher Recruitment and Retention Week by hosting more than 20 events around the state to celebrate individuals committed to the teaching profession and education. These signing day events are part of the Teach Arkansas campaign to increase teacher recruitment and retention.

Collaboration

At the Hunt Institute’s 2019 Education Retreat: Advancing Cross-State Conversations, state leaders examined key education priorities, including supporting college completion, coordinating early learning services, and developing a pipeline of highly qualified school leaders.

Conditions for Learning

CCSSO released States Leading: Promising Practices Advancing the Equity Commitments 2019, which provides snapshots of states’ practices and policies that create a more equitable education for all students.

Education Commission of the States researched K-12 school improvement practices in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to provide this resource on turnaround strategies across the nation.

School Improvement

The Hill published More states are leading the way on educational equity, an op-ed written by Pedro Rivera, Pennsylvania’s Secretary of Education and CCSSO’s newest Board President. Rivera describes how the nation’s state school leaders have shared promising practices to deliver an equitable education to all students.

Equity

CCSSO released States Leading: Promising Practices Advancing Equity (2019-2020), which provides snapshots of states’ practices and policies that create a more equitable education for all students.

NASEE’s latest policy update, States and Partnerships for Social and Emotional Learning: An Action Guide, takes a deep dive into a survey of community influencers in Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, and Washington on how they expect 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.

Social-Emotional Learning

ExcellEd released a series of ESSA stories to provide state policymakers with 12 learnings, practical advice, and resources for school interventions.

We want to hear from you!

Send your state’s stories or organization’s resources to communications@ccsso.org

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