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In this month's States Leading newsletter, we highlight Arkansas' Declaration of Learning program, North Carolina's school safety mobile app, and much more.

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Teacher Recognition

The **Arkansas** Department of Education [recognized more than 35 teachers and mentors](#) for participating in the Declaration of Learning program—a first-in-the-nation initiative that allows teachers and librarians to create lessons featuring historical objects and art from museum partners.

Personalized Learning

Montana recently [passed two laws](#) to advance personalized learning and pathways.

The [Montana Advanced Opportunity Act](#) will support districts in offering personalized career and technical education opportunities and individualized pathways.

The second law provides incentives for districts to create [Transformational Learning Programs](#), flexible systems of student-centered learning designed to develop each student's full educational potential.

School Safety

[The Hill](#) highlighted that the **North Carolina Department of Public Instruction** will work with [Sandy Hook Promise](#) to provide an anonymous tip mobile app in all North Carolina schools. Through the [Say Something Anonymous Reporting System](#), students, parents, and educators can share school safety concerns with administrators and school resource officers.

Teacher Retention

[The Hunt Institute](#) hosted nearly 30 North Carolina legislators to discuss how teacher pensions play a role in teacher recruitment, retention, school accountability, and postsecondary attainment.

Equity

The **New York** State Education Department recently named its second class of [67 My Brother's Keeper Fellows](#). The high school juniors will be provided with mentor opportunities and complete service projects related to areas such as ensuring students have access to high-quality schools, responding to structural racism, and engaging families and communities.

College and Career Readiness

ExcelinEd released [Where Credentials Meet the Market](#), which builds on the foundation laid in [Credentials Matter: A National Landscape](#) and analyzes the credentials students earn in high school and their impact on high school completion, community college enrollment and completion, and wages.

State Standards

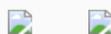
The **California** Department of Education launched the state's [first mobile app](#) that provides quick, targeted access to California Content Standards related to the arts, computer science, health education, history–social science, and mathematics.

Education Technology

NASBE analyzed how the **Utah** State Board of Education helped districts [deliver digital learning](#) in the classroom. The piece also offers best practices for states to implement similar statewide programs.

We want to hear from you!

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



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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