**Get to Know Us**

Our members are leading the national conversation to advance the use of data and technology to ensure every child graduates ready for college, careers, and life. Education Information Management Advisory Collaborative (EIMAC) members include SEA technology and data leaders, as well as corporate and community partners. We are bold experts in our field, not only advancing systems development and safeguarding data, but also fostering a forward thinking education data and technology vision. We know that innovation must be at the forefront of the planning and development process.

**Benefits of Our Collaborative**

We offer our members the benefit of a peer network for the SEA Chief Information Officer (CIO) or Technology Director/Lead and a new network for the SEA Data Use Director/Lead (Data Lead). Our members identify EIMAC’s annual priorities, focus areas, and meeting agendas. As an EIMAC member, you’ll be a part of a network of state technology and data leaders, philanthropic funders, vendors, and other thought leaders. Our convenings create opportunities to learn from and share best practices and to harness the collective influence and synergy of the education technology and data communities.

Last year our Collaborative:

- Hosted 45 webinars on specific topics identified as priority areas by EIMAC members. Topics included data management, data visualization, report cards, interoperability, and data security and privacy.
- Drafted a framework for modernization and future readiness starting with a focus on data use, interoperability, and cloud computing.
- Assisted with the development of a District Per-Pupil Spending Toolkit. This toolkit is designed to support district-level communications efforts around the requirement in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to report expenditures at the school level.

**Our Focus in 2020-2021**

First and foremost, we’ll support our members in the areas they prioritize in response to the COVID-19 crisis. This includes developing and disseminating a strategy to help states to close the digital learning gap particularly in response to implications of the pandemic. We’ll support states as they work to ensure that all students have access to reliable devices and affordable off-campus internet service. We will also support states and provide guidance on how best to prepare for the future of learning by modernizing their data and technology infrastructure. At our invitation only events, we’ll facilitate space for collaboration for education data and technology leaders. These are important opportunities for our members to build relationships with state peers, national experts, and partners. You’ll also meet your professional development goals by attending a series of webinars on topics identified as a priority by you and your fellow members. Above all, our Collaborative will continue to support your work as you advance state education data systems that best support high-quality teaching and learning.

**Here’s Where You’ll Find Us**

For the 2020-2021 program year, meetings will be held in-person when possible, and virtually when necessary due to safety. Any in-person meetings will also include the option to participate virtually. The Education Information Management Advisory Collaborative meeting dates for this program year are:

- Meeting dates and locations to come