Get to Know Us

We are a Collaborative of state school and district improvement leads dedicated to lifting up low performing schools, closing achievement gaps for all students, and supporting specific vulnerable populations. As a member of the School and District Improvement (SDI) Collaborative, you’ll join fellow members devoted to breaking down barriers that keep districts, schools, and students from success. We are a network of professionals devoted to advancing equity in districts and schools by improving state school systems of support.

Benefits of Our Collaborative

You’ll join SDI Collaborative members for invitation only events with an emphasis on peer-to-peer networking, lectures from subject matter experts, and roundtable discussions focused on solving the issues that matter to your state. Membership also grants you access to the latest research to inform your state school improvement strategies. Here are just a few highlights from last year’s Collaborative sessions:

- Members received peer and subject matter expert guidance throughout the program year.
- We collaborated with state agency peers through joint sessions with ASES and ASR Collaboratives.
- In partnership with the U.S. Department of Education, our members had the information and resources needed to support students when school buildings closed due to COVID-19.
- Members received support from CCSSO’s Equity Director Kendall Wilson-Flippin on developing state equity frameworks.

Our Focus in 2020-2021

First and foremost, we’ll work together to develop and disseminate resources and promising practices to help states address the implications of COVID-19 on school improvement. Our Collaborative will develop and release a strategy for advancing equity in districts and schools through state school improvement systems of support. This will include establishing state goals for school improvement efforts with an explicit focus on support for CSI and TSI identified schools and identifying more rigorous state determined options for schools that do not demonstrate improvement. And, we will continue to collaborate with peers and subject matter experts to develop strategies for supporting districts and school improvement.

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 School and District Improvement (SDI) Collaborative meeting dates for this program year are:

- October 21-22, 2020
- February 23-24, 2021 (Jacksonville, FL)
- June 24-25, 2021 (Minneapolis, MN)