

Coalition to Advance Future Student Success

ESSER SUMMIT

Investment to Impact: Leveraging ESSER and Keeping What Works

CONRAD HOTEL

MARCH 20, 2024 • AGENDA



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As a member of the Coalition to Advance Future Student Success, CCSSO and our Coalition partners will host a special event, *Investment to Impact: Leveraging ESSER and Keeping What Works*, on the first day of CCSSO's 2024 Legislative Conference. The [Coalition to Advance Future Student Success](#) brings together 12 leading education organizations that represent leaders from practitioners in the classroom to the state capitol working together to ensure this moment of transformation brings about greater outcomes for students in the United States. Programming will highlight work underway across the Coalition member organizations, how Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) dollars are having an impact on schools and communities and state and local strategies to continue some of these policies and programs beyond fall 2024. The event will focus on themes of academic recovery, physical and mental health and wellbeing and educator workforce. Wednesday afternoon programming will feature voices from across the education system.

Noon – 5 p.m.

Registration at Conrad hotel

All attendees are invited to register at the CCSSO desk. CCSSO staff will also be available throughout the day to address any questions.

2 – 3:15 p.m.

Grand Ballroom

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This afternoon of programming will showcase the impact of ESSER funding, with support from the Coalition to Advance Future Student Success. *Sessions this afternoon are open to the public and will be livestreamed.*

Session Facilitator: Alka Pateriya, Director of Strategy and Partnerships, The Council of the Great City Schools

Welcome and Overview

Carissa Moffat Miller, Chief Executive Officer, CCSSO

State Partnership to Sustain High-Impact Investments

Catherine Truitt, Superintendent of Public Instruction, North Carolina

Sen. Michael Lee, North Carolina State Senator

Moderator: Carissa Moffat Miller, Chief Executive Officer, CCSSO

State leaders from North Carolina will discuss their aligned coordination and partnership around recovery efforts, the advancement of their education priorities and strategies to continue some of these policies and programs beyond fall 2024.

Sustaining High-Impact Investments: School and Classroom Level

Dr. Suzan Harris, Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals' 2023 Middle School Principal of the Year, Henderson Middle School Principal

Carter Glover, eighth grader from Henderson Middle School

This session will highlight Dr. Suzan Harris, Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals' 2023 Middle School Principal of the Year and National Association of Secondary School Principals Board member, and her leadership in leveraging ESSER investments to support student and staff wellbeing. Dr. Harris will be joined by an eighth grader to provide a student perspective on the measurable impacts of these investments at Henderson Middle School in Jackson, Georgia.

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3:15 – 3:30 p.m. Networking Break

3:30 – 5 p.m.

Grand Ballroom

Sustaining High-Impact Investments: District Lens on Academic Recovery

Adam Kunz, Assistant Superintendent, St. Paul Public Schools

Andrew Strope, Deputy Superintendent, Indianapolis Public Schools

Moderator: Beth Hawkins, Senior Writer and National Correspondent, The 74

The nation's urban school districts have been focused on wisely investing ESSER dollars to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on teaching and learning. In this session, Adam Kunz, Assistant Superintendent for St. Paul Public Schools, and Andrew Strope, Deputy Superintendent for Indianapolis Public Schools, will discuss how their districts are using ESSER funding to meet the needs of schools and students. The two panelists will specifically focus on how their districts created programs that have successfully boosted academic achievement and how they plan to sustain these initiatives when ESSER funding is no longer available.

Educator Voice: Sustaining American Rescue Plan Victories for Students, Educators and Schools

Jo-Anne Smith, Educator, Brookside Primary School, Waterbury, Vermont

Vicki Flores, Executive Director, Jefferson County Education Support Professionals Association, Colorado

Moderator: Rebecka Peterson, 2023 National Teacher of the Year, 2022 Oklahoma State Teacher of the Year

This session will highlight two educator leaders who will share the impact of ESSER investments on their schools and communities. 2023 National Teacher of the Year Rebecka Peterson will moderate a discussion about a variety of investments, from supporting our earliest learners to school nutrition programs, and plans for sustainability.

Reflections from the U.S. Department of Education

Roberto J. Rodríguez, Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, U.S. Department of Education

Ray Hart, Executive Director, The Council of the Great City Schools

Join us for an engaging discussion with Roberto Rodríguez, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Education. This session will delve into the lasting impact of ESSER investments on our education landscape. From immediate responses to long-term sustainability plans, Assistant Secretary Rodríguez will reflect on the use of ESSER funds across the country.

Summit Reflections

Ray Hart, Executive Director, The Council of the Great City Schools

5 – 6:30 p.m.

Gallery Grand

Reception

All attendees are invited to attend a networking reception.

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