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Dear colleagues:

With this letter, Education Commission of the States endorses the National Survey of Public Education's Response to COVID-19. This project is led and funded by the [American Institutes for Research \(AIR\)](#).

Our organization encourages the school district leaders and charter management organization (CMO) leaders that are invited to participate in survey data collection.

The purpose of the survey is to capture nationally representative data about school district and CMO responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. Findings will highlight innovative approaches, identify promising practices, and share knowledge about the challenges that school districts and CMOs are facing in the pandemic. Learn more on the [project website](#).

Education Commission of the States is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization serving state policymakers and education leaders in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. As such, the knowledge gained through the survey will be invaluable to us as we provide unbiased, actionable information to states grappling with how to best serve all students, not only in these challenging times, but in the months and years to come. At Education Commission of the States we believe in the power of learning from experience and know that informed education leaders create better education policy.

If you would like further information about the project, email the team at [perc@air.org](mailto:perc@air.org).

Sincerely,

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