



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

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Dear Chief State School Officer:

By now, your State educational agency should have received information from the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators (NAESPA) regarding the upcoming **National ESEA Conference**. As in previous years, U.S. Department of Education (ED) staff will be in attendance to provide timely updates and other information regarding Federal education programs and funding issues.

The National ESEA Conference will take place on **February 7-10, 2024, at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. A virtual option will also be available.** Formerly called the National Title I Conference, the National ESEA Conference welcomes thousands of K-12 educators from across the country each year. This year's theme, *Create the Possibilities*, underscores how, each day, educators have so many opportunities to create possibilities to help students reach their potential. We hope you can join us as we work toward our shared goal of better meeting the needs of disadvantaged students.

Conference participants include State agency officials, school district administrators, school building leaders, and teachers who join to gain new knowledge, instructional strategies, and skills needed to transform student learning. Participants will have opportunities to meet and learn from professionals who are working to address learning gaps and help students succeed. The conference includes both plenary sessions with nationally recognized speakers as well as smaller interactive workshops that provide attendees the opportunity to connect with education experts from different States and local educational agencies to learn about best practices.

We recognize that States may have constraints on conference registrations, out-of-State travel, and association memberships for Federally funded program staff, but we hope you will consider this invaluable professional learning opportunity for your ESEA State-level staff. It is our hope that the hybrid conference format will enable even greater involvement from the education community.

Conference details, including registration materials, are available at <https://www.eseanetwork.org/conference>. If you have questions about the conference, please contact Erin Hanley, CEO, National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators (NAESPA) at erin.hanley@eseanetwork.org or 800-256-6452.

Sincerely,

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