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Dear colleagues:

With this letter, the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) supports the National Survey of Public Education’s Response to COVID-19. Our organization encourages the school district leaders and charter management organization (CMO) leaders that are invited to participate to respond to this survey.

This project is led and funded by the American Institutes for Research (AIR), and the survey is being administered by NORC at the University of Chicago.

The purpose of the survey is to capture nationally representative data about CMO responses to school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Findings will highlight innovative approaches, identify promising practices, and share knowledge about the challenges that CMOs and schools are facing.

Learn more on the project website and read the project FAQs.

As the sole nationwide, nonpartisan, nonprofit membership organization representing the 58 public officials who head state departments of elementary and secondary education across the nation, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity, the Bureau of Indian Education, and the U.S. extra-state jurisdictions, the Council is uniquely positioned to work with states to improve student outcomes.

CCSSO recognizes the importance of the National Survey of Public Education’s Response to COVID-19 and its goal to provide actionable information to educators, policy makers, and researchers to inform future education practices beyond the initial public health crisis.

If you would like further information about the project, you can contact the project team at 1-877-505-0253 or e-mail PERC@norc.uchicago.edu.

Sincerely,

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