WHAT IS LESN?
The Legislative Education Staff Network is a coordinated network of professional and knowledgeable legislative staff from across the country who work on education policy. Since 1986, the LESN provides opportunities through meetings and online resources for education policy staff to:
✓ Network with other legislative staff and with other local, state and federal education professionals;
✓ Obtain professional development and training;
✓ Access timely, focused and comprehensive information, research and professional development on targeted education policy issues;
✓ Collaborate with education policy and finance experts and researchers.

WHAT DOES LESN DO FOR ME?
✓ Sponsors in-person seminars and webinars on important education policy topics, enabling you to better serve your legislature.
✓ Conducts several sessions specific to legislative staff at ECS and NCSL meetings.
✓ Maintains a listserv to provide instant assistance from colleagues across the country.
✓ Maintains a website devoted to keeping you up to date on education policy, including listserv archives, professional development opportunities, publications, online education staff contact list and more.
✓ Provides access to technical support and resources from ECS and NCSL.

WHO BELONGS TO LESN?
All legislative staff who work on education policy. Members include bill drafters, fiscal staff, program evaluators, policy analysts and advisors and includes both partisan and nonpartisan staff. A steering committee governs the network.

HOW DO I JOIN LESN?
There is no formal application process. Simply contact NCSL liaison to LESN Dustin Weeden (dustin.weeden@ncsl.org), or ECS liaison to LESN Stephanie Aragon (saragon@ecs.org).

2017 LESN Steering Committee Members

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How can I become INVOLVED?

It’s easy. Fresh faces and new ideas are always welcome. There are many ways to participate:

WEBSITE

Get online to stay informed and find important information, meeting dates, and research tools.
www.ncsl.org/legislative-staff/legislative-staff/education-network.aspx

LISTSERV

The LESN is a great opportunity to ask for and share information about education policy in other states. Whether you participate by asking, reading, or answering inquiries, you’ll learn about the issues currently of concern to your colleagues.

MEETINGS

Attend ECS’ National Forum, NCSL’s Legislative Summit or the network’s fall professional development seminar to meet colleagues, refine your skills, and make connections.

The Legislative Education Staff Network exists to strengthen the capabilities of legislative education staff to support legislative institutions and individual legislators in developing strong and effective state education laws and policies.

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- School Funding
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