## State Approaches to Education Governance



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### WHO WE ARE.

The essential, indispensable member of any team addressing education policy.



### WHAT WE DO.

We believe in the power of learning from experience, and we know informed policymakers create better education policy.





### HOW WE DO IT.





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#### Agenda

- Roles in State Education Governance
- Overview of State Governance Models
- Impacts and Outcomes
- Q&A



### Roles in State Governance

Roles and Responsibilities of Individuals or Entities in State Education Governance

# Roles in State Education Governance

- Governors
- Voters
- Chief State School Officers
- State Boards of Education
- Local Boards of Education
- Advisory Groups

#### Chief State School Officers

Titles and Roles

Selection

Source of Authority

Powers and Policy Authority

#### State Boards of Education

Membership

Selection

Source of Authority

Powers and Policy Authority

#### Local Boards of Education

Membership

Eligibility

Powers and Policy Authority

### State Advisory Groups

Often Issue Area-Focused

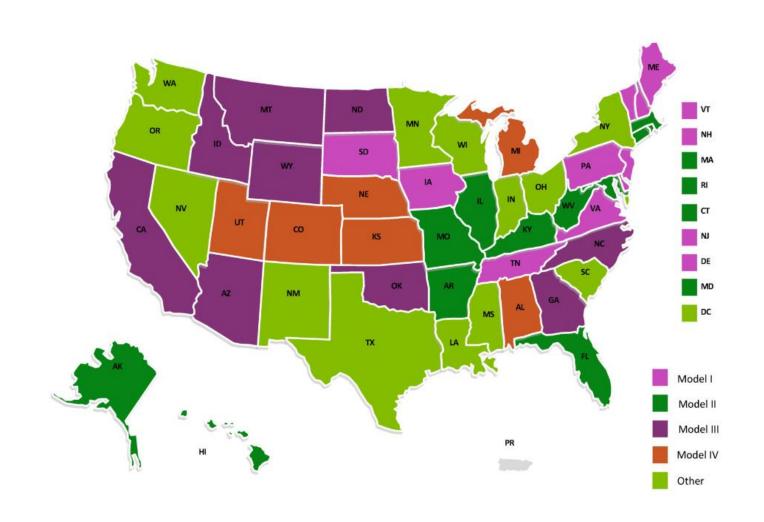
Relationship-Dependent



### State Governance Models

Defining approaches to governance and state examples

#### **State Governance Models**





### State Governance Models

- Model I: Appointed Board / Appointed Chief
- Model II
- Model III
- Model IV
- Other

# Model I State Example: Tennessee



The governor appoints the board.

• The commissioner of education is appointed by the governor.

### State Governance Models

- Model I
- Model II: Governor Appoints Board, Board Appoints Chief
- Model III
- Model IV
- Other

# Model II State Example: West Virginia



- Members are appointed.
- The state superintendent of schools is appointed by the state board.

### State Governance Models

- Model I
- Model II
- Model III: Appointed Board, Elected Chief
- Model IV
- Other

# Model III State Example: Georgia



• State board members are appointed.

• The state school superintendent is elected.

### State Governance Models

- Model I
- Model II
- Model III
- Model IV: Elected Board, Board Appoints Chief
- Other

# Model IV State Example: Colorado



• The commissioner of education is appointed by the state board.

### State Governance Models

- Model I
- Model II
- Model III
- Model IV
- Other Approaches

# Other Model State Example: Louisiana



 Hybrid elected/appointed approach for board

SBE appointed chief

# Other Model State Example: Mississippi

Jointly-appointed board

SBE appointed chief



### Approaches, Impacts and Outcomes

Identifying Effective or Efficient Governance and Impacts on Student Achievement

### Types of School District Reorganization

- Consolidation
- District Subdivision
- Property Transfer
- Annexation
- Annexation and Transfer

#### District Reorganization

- 1. Initiate Reorganization
- 2. Reorganization Plan
- 3. Local Election
- 4. Reorganization Commences

### State Example: Colorado

Colorado BOCES

 Facilitated Board Training for School Improvement

#### Rural / Urban Considerations

• Finance

School/District Size

Community Ties

### State Example: Arkansas



 Public Education Reorganization Act Arkansas Act 60

Academic Impact

School/District Size

### Efficient and Effective Governance: Statewide

Collaboration

Measurables

State Task Forces on Governance

### Efficient and Effective Governance: Local

Mission/Vision

Accountability-Driven

Collaboration

### State Example: Texas



 Site-Based Decision-Making Committees

### Key Takeaways

- Nationally, a wide-range of governance approaches exist
- Collaboration between roles is key
- A focus on student achievement

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#### THANK YOU!

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