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## Education Commission of the States Welcomes José Muñoz as New President

Muñoz's nearly three decades of dedicated public service and impactful leadership experience will strengthen the organization's support to state policymakers across the nation.

**DENVER (Jan. 4, 2024)** – Education Commission of the States announces the appointment of José Muñoz as its next president to lead the organization beginning Jan. 8, 2024. Muñoz brings nearly 30 years of cross-sector experience leading initiatives that elevate policy adoption to create meaningful change in communities across the United States. Muñoz succeeds Jeremy Anderson who transitioned from the organization in July 2023 to become the chief executive officer of the National Math and Science Initiative.

As president, Muñoz will spearhead the organization's work with states and partners to create effective education policy. Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly and Education Commission of the States Chair says, "José Muñoz is a proven leader with the skills and vision needed to lead Education Commission of the States into its next chapter. Muñoz's experience and commitment to working with policymakers from across the education spectrum will allow ECS to continue its mission of providing state leaders with the nonpartisan and trusted support they need to create effective education policy. I look forward to working with him as I continue my tenure as Chair of Education Commission of the States."

Muñoz brings a wealth of cross-sector leadership experience at community-focused organizations. He's a nationally recognized leader in developing key partnerships with state and local governments, school districts, teachers unions, nonprofits and businesses. Most recently, as the director of the Coalition for Community Schools at the Institute for Educational Leadership, Muñoz organized national, state and local

leaders to adopt policies that support community schools and advance equity in education at the local, state and federal levels. Prior, as executive director of the ABC Community School Partnership, he drastically increased the number of community schools during his tenure, redesigned the organization's funding strategy and expanded workforce development opportunities with the state of New Mexico.

Muñoz's expansive experience in both private and public sectors shows his commitment to leading partnerships and initiatives that help students access equitable and robust education opportunities. With Muñoz's leadership, Education Commission of the States will continue to fulfill its mission to help state leaders identify, develop and implement effective education policies that support schools, students and staff.

Muñoz resides in New Mexico and is married to Leslie Muñoz whom together raise a blended family of two sons and three daughters. In their free time, the Muñozes like to serve their community through their church and by leading community groups.

### **About Education Commission of the States**

Education Commission of the States serves as a partner to state policymakers by providing personalized support and helping education leaders come together to learn from one another. Through our programs and services, policymakers gain the insight and experience needed to create effective education policy across the education spectrum from early learning to the workforce. Learn more at [ecs.org](https://ecs.org).

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