

CCSSO Launches [SchoolDataDirect](http://www.SchoolDataDirect.org) Website With Data Download Tool

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SchoolDataDirect (www.SchoolDataDirect.org) is now available as the nation's single online source for state education data. Under the guidance of the newly created State Education Data Center (SEDC), SchoolDataDirect will provide free and easy to use state education data and analytic tools free of charge to the public. SchoolDataDirect has many of the same features as its predecessor, SchoolMatters.com; however, SchoolDataDirect offers a significant new tool which allows data collectors to download state education data directly from the website.

The SEDC is a service of the Council of Chief State School Officers, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as part of the Council's National Education Data Partnership. The SEDC represents the 'next generation' of work we began over three years ago with our National Education Data Partnership, through which we created SchoolMatters.com.

EIMAC and the SEDC's Advisory Council will guide the future direction of SchoolDataDirect. For more information on the SEDC and SchoolDataDirect, please visit the NEDP webpage or contact Paige Kowalski at paigek@ccsso.org.