



Transforming Education: Delivering on Our Promise to Every Child **Frequently Asked Questions**

1. What is the purpose of CCSSO’s *Transforming Education* document?

- fuel discussion about the Council’s strategic direction
- establish a rationale for why CCSSO has chosen its four strategic areas of work
- highlight the connections among the four areas
- outline next steps in each area
- shape and inform our specific programmatic work, advocacy agenda, fundraising efforts, and other communications materials

2. Where are the topic-specific white papers I reviewed at the Annual Policy Forum?

The CCSSO strategic initiative white papers have been modified and are now incorporated into this singular discussion document. As many of you know, we presented four individual white papers and a separate overall piece about our strategic initiatives at the Annual Policy Forum (APF). We took the feedback we received at the APF and through an online survey and incorporated them into this larger document for distribution and reaction.

3. Can I share this document within my organization and/or state?

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4. What do I do if I have a comment about the content or a suggestion about one of these four areas of work?

We have established mechanisms for you to provide us guidance on our future efforts. First, CCSSO President Ken James established chief committees for each of the four areas. Each chief state school officer has been appointed to serve on one of the committees, which are designed in such a way that Council staff have ready access to chief leadership in moving each of the strategic areas forward. Secondly, we are issuing an open invitation and will be providing opportunities for continued and informal guidance as we develop and nurture these ideas. And finally, we encourage you to reach out to the committee co-chairs, staff liaisons, or CCSSO Director of Strategy and Implementation Melissa Johnston (melissaj@ccsso.org) with your insights.

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5. Where can I find an electronic version of this document?

On the CCSSO website: http://www.ccsso.org/about_the_council/strategic_plan/index.cfm.