As students and teachers across California return to their classrooms, we are reflecting on the role of public education in the future of our state, the state’s role in the future of education in this country, and how we can continue to work as a trusted partner and bring to bear our experience in creating, resourcing and implementing solutions to ensure a strong, valued public education system in California that serves every student.

We remain committed to seeing that every public school in California has engaged students, effective teachers and leaders, enriching environments that allow every student to reach his or her full potential, and supportive communities that believe in the value and quality of public education.

This year, California will elect a new Governor and State Superintendent of Public Instruction. We look forward to partnering with the newly elected leaders and their teams to advance our vision for public education in California.

Through our committed staff and partners, we are well-positioned to chart a path forward for our organization, as well as voice support for continuing on the path California started on seven years ago when voters passed a new formula for how we fund public schools in this state.

Together the following five initiatives highlight the power of collaboration to make systemic change in California’s public schools because, without our partners, none of this work would be possible.

We thank all of our partners and funders for their support and commitment to the state’s students and future.

We welcome your questions about our programs and funding. Please contact us if you are interested in partnering on a current or future initiative.
THE ALLIANCE FOR CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT (ACI)

The ACI represents the next step in the Superintendent’s Task Force on Accountability and Continuous Improvement, which made a set of recommendations for the State’s new accountability system in the report Preparing All Students for College, Career, Life, and Leadership in the 21st Century.

The ACI is a coalition whose members represent the full spectrum of the state education landscape, including teachers, administrators, parents, students, business, community advocates, school board members, researchers, philanthropy, and institutions of higher education.

HERE IS WHAT WE’VE ACHIEVED SO FAR:

• Hosted a communications professional learning forum for 12 organizational communications and outreach directors

• Developed and distributed communication materials to help organizations and people communicate positive messages about the State’s education policy changes

• Produced 7 videos to share parents’ experiences with the California School Dashboard with other parents throughout California

• Conducted a spokesperson training for 24 organization leaders

• Joined a network of 12 coalitions across the country all working on education in their respective states

• Convened leaders from 24+ education, business, community and social justice organizations and agencies

What’s Next for the ACI: We are working with our coalition to create a GPS for California’s education system to provide guidance to our state’s policy leaders. In addition, we’re working with the State Board of Education and the CA Department of Education to develop a series of video tutorials on the CA School Dashboard.
The CA LMI seeks to engage school system unions and management as collaborative partners in creating, resourcing and implementing solutions resulting in a strong public education system that serves every student in California.

By convening public school leaders to advance labor-management collaboration and continuous improvement through peer learning networks and training, the CA LMI facilitates exploration and sharing of research and best practices to build deep enduring cross-sector union-management partnerships in California public schools.

HERE IS WHAT WE’VE ACHIEVED SO FAR:

- Since 2015, the CA LMI has engaged over 100 California school districts
- Completed a new strategic plan for the CA LMI
- Convened the 2017 and 2018 CA LMI Summer Institute(s) with over 250 educators from nearly 30 school districts attending these three day events
- Coordinated two “Shortage to Solutions” events with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, focused on sharing innovative approaches to address the state’s teacher shortage
- Convened a 5 day Cohort Training, with 157 participants from 11 school districts
- Catalyzed and supported the emerging research on labor-management collaboration and communicated the impacts with a new Working Paper from Rutgers and Cornell Universities
- Communicated the impacts of labor-management collaboration with 5 new videos produced for the CA LMI

What’s next for the CA LMI: We will host fall and spring meetings in Northern and Southern California, focused on improving collaborative practices in the teams who attend, as well as specific topics. We are also increasing our ability to support district teams throughout the year and expanding our research agenda to better understand the how and the what of this complex work.
STEAM INITIATIVES

CALIFORNIA STEAM SYMPOSIUM

The California STEAM Symposium annually convenes educators from across California for a two-day conference co-hosted with the California Department of Education and the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.

Focused on rigorous, collaborative, accessible, and innovative teaching and learning strategies and resources, this professional learning event supports high-quality science, technology, engineering, art, and math instruction for all students. The Symposium also catalyzes multi-sector alignment so that STEAM champions from classrooms to boardrooms collaborate more effectively.

HERE IS WHAT WE’VE ACHIEVED SO FAR:

- Convened over 3,100 STEAM education practitioners and advocates for the 5th annual California STEAM Symposium
- Received ratings that show 92% of attendees surveyed would recommend it to their colleagues as an inspiring, impactful professional learning experience
- Amassed representation from schools and districts representing over 3 million in student enrollment across California
- Doubled the hands-on Makerspace to 5000 sq ft.

What’s next for the California STEAM Symposium: The 2018 California STEAM Symposium will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center on October 28-29th. We’re excited to once again welcome thousands of committed educators and allies focused on ensuring accessible quality STEAM education across the state and hope you’ll join us!
THE CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS (CA4NGSS)

The CA4NGSS facilitates collaboration among education, business, government, and community leaders to support effective and timely implementation of NGSS throughout California.

Alliance members are organizations representing Pre-K-12, college and university educators and administrators, science museums and centers, after school programs, professional learning providers, parents, students, businesses, public policymakers, and philanthropy.

HERE IS WHAT WE’VE ACHIEVED SO FAR:

- Grew Communications Toolkit offerings to four target audiences (General, District, Site Leaders: Teachers & Principals, and Parent) with 52 discrete items

- Increased toolkit use statewide to build and communicate support for more equitable science standards implementation, including in CTA’s California Educator magazine and throughout EdSource’s Reforming Science Instruction in California: A Primer

- Presented at three education conferences hosted by California Science Teachers Association, US News & World Report, and the California Department of Education

- Hosted a member convening to examine equity, neuroscience, and language skills in relation to NGSS implementation and improved advocacy

What's next for CA4NGSS: With demand increasing for other audiences and rigorous curricular integration, we will work with members to revise and expand the Communications Toolkits offerings, host informational webinars, and present at the National Science Teachers Association’s Regional Conference. Future member convenings will explore assessment in the context of NGSS and linked advocacy efforts with other partners in STEAM education.
The Engaging Families in the LCAP Development Process Initiative was launched in 2016 to improve the quality of family engagement and family engagement outcomes included in district LCAPs.

ENGAGING FAMILIES IN THE LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP) DEVELOPMENT PROCESS INITIATIVE

HERE IS WHAT WE’VE ACHIEVED SO FAR:

- In 2017, engaged 10 school districts from Alameda and San Mateo Counties and trained up to 140 county, district and school leaders on research-based family engagement
- Provided technical assistance, including district family engagement assessment reports that resulted in one district sharing findings and recommendations with their LCAP committee and School Board, leading to a revised LCAP family engagement goal and related strategies and activities
- In 2018, 100 county, district and school team leaders from four districts and 13 schools in San Mateo County participated in a Family Engagement Learning Institute
- Thirty-five members of a district’s LCAP Advisory Committee were provided capacity building on effective strategies for LCAP community engagement

What’s next for the Engaging Families in the LCAP Development Process Initiative:

We are working with Public Profit to create case studies that will offer examples of what effective family engagement looks like in schools. We are also scaling up trainings with partner districts by expanding to additional schools so that they can systematize their family engagement processes.
FINANCIALS

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REVENUE

EXPENSE

NET ASSETS

$3.038M

$3.813M

$1.131M

CDE Fiscal Year: July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

68¢ of every dollar raised is spent on programs

The CA STEAM Symposium comprises ½ of our revenue

CDE Foundation manages OVER $1 MILLION in grant funds as a fiscal agent for the California Department of Education.

CDE Foundation Finance Facts:

† Reflects funds raised in Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Does not include multi-year funding commitments.

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