2018 TOP INITIATIVES

MEMBER ADVOCACY AND POLICY MAP SURVEY RESULTS

Charters & Choice
Education Finance
Educator Policy
College & Career Readiness
Accountability & Transparency
Now featuring more than 1,000 initiatives from the past eight years, the PIE Network Member Advocacy and Policy (MAP) database is a go-to resource for Network advocates. The following analysis provides a snapshot of Network members’ top initiatives from 2018. Members can find further details, including bill language, campaign resources, candid reactions, and contact information, at pie-network.org/map.

Over the last several months, Network members shared details about their top 2018 policy and advocacy initiatives via the Member Advocacy and Policy (MAP) Survey, conducted via online survey and in-depth interviews with the PIE Network team. The following maps showcase member work in 11 categories: Accountability/Transparency, Educator Policy, Charters, School Finance, Standards and Assessments, Other, School Choice, Governance and Elections, College/Career Readiness, Early Learning, and Literacy.
KEY 2018 ISSUE AREAS

Working to support and strengthen the teaching profession
This was the top issue for the Network in 2018, with nearly 50 percent of advocates reporting on initiatives in Educator Policy. Educator recruitment and preparation initiatives sought to tackle shortages and the quality of prep experiences, and advocates also led efforts to make compensation and career ladders more competitive and strategic. A growing number of Network organizations are working to equip educators with tools to address school climate, social emotional learning, and personalized learning.

Placing a laser-focus on improving the environment for charter schools
Charters and choice work took many forms in 2018, but by far the biggest push has been around equitable funding—including per pupil, special needs and facilities. We anticipate this work to continue over the coming years. Advocates have also continued to push for expansion of state tax credit scholarships, vouchers, and education savings accounts in hopes of serving more students. This year did see a shift, though, with more members focusing on forms of public school choice, specifically around open enrollment and virtual schools.

Implementing ESSA plans and addressing assessment concerns
After last year’s work centered around influencing state ESSA plans, this year was focused mostly on implementation, namely around rolling out report cards and maintaining accountability systems. Several states faced major testing administration challenges in 2018, and others are undergoing or considering significant changes to their state assessments. Most Network advocates are focused on holding the line to protect annual assessments and transparent reporting, while there is a budding tension as some, including in Arizona, are starting to explore more flexibility for testing requirements.
Laying the groundwork for future state finance system reform

In 2018, no Network members successfully pushed through a funding formula rewrite in their state. Yet, school finance advocacy remained steady, as 29 organizations reported actively working on the issue more broadly. Much of the work involved laying the groundwork for future reforms to the state finance systems. Specifically, members worked to develop support for more equitable funding formulas, increase the amount of funding for schools, and improve transparency around spending and student performance.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Improving student access to rigorous course options: At least 13 organizations, including five states that saw notable progress in expanding and improving computer science education opportunities.
- Focusing on school discipline and climate initiatives: At least 13 organizations, across a variety of different state political contexts.
- Engaging in elections: At least 17 organizations, particularly at the local level for school boards and union leadership.
- Prioritizing policy implementation work: At least 30 organizations, in areas ranging from school report cards and assessments to educator policy and district/charter partnerships.

Thank you to all of the Network member organizations that contributed their insights via the 2018 survey! Reach out to christina@pie-network.org with any questions about or updates to the results.
EDUCATOR POLICY
38 organizations in 22 states

AZ
A for Arizona: Securing 20% Teacher Pay Raise by SY2020
A for Arizona: Working with State Board to Ensure “Classroom-Based” Teacher Prep
Expect More Arizona: Raise Teacher Pay
CA
EAE-LA: Reimagining School Leadership
EAE-LA: Reforming Tenure
Parent Revolution: Analyzing LAUSD Teacher Evaluations
Teach Plus CA: Ensuring Adequate Support for New Teachers
Teach Plus CA: Reforming Teacher Tenure
CO
Colorado Succeeds: Addressing Colorado’s Teacher Shortage
DFER Colorado: Addressing Teacher Shortage Across Colorado
DFER Colorado: Protecting Teacher Evaluation
ReadyCO: Pension Reform
Teach Plus CO: Recruitment & Retention of Teachers
Teach Plus CO: Teacher Leadership Opportunities
CT
EAE-CT: Teacher Diversity
ConnCAN: Streamlining Teacher Certification Rules & Open Flexible Pathways
DE
DelawareCAN: Teacher Compensation Data Tool
Rodel Foundation: Educator Voice Work on Social Emotional Learning and Personalized Learning
ID
Idaho Business for Education: Teacher Recruitment and Retention
IL
Advance Illinois: Elevating Teaching Profession/Addressing Teacher Shortage
Teach Plus IL: Improving Teacher Preparation Through Better Data Use
Teach Plus IL: Improving Illinois’ Teacher Leadership Endorsement
IN
Stand Indiana: Implementing Teacher Retention Policy
Teach Plus IN: Teacher Housing
Teach Plus IN: Retaining Teachers of Color
KY
Prichard Committee: Total Teacher Compensation that Attracts and Sustains a High-Quality Teaching Workforce
LA
DFER Louisiana: Bolstering State Policy to Support the Next Generation of Educators
Stand Louisiana: Supporting Policies Around Teacher Recruitment, Retention & Quality of Life
MA
Teach Plus MA: Boston Educator Collaborative
MI
EAE-MI: Ensuring Access to Teacher Residency
EdAllies: Tiered Teacher Licensure
MN
EdAllies: Tiered Teacher Licensure
MO
Alligned: Workforce Education Alignment
NC
BEST NC: Transforming Principal Preparation
BEST NC: Ensuring Competitive Compensation for School Leaders
BEST NC: Advanced Roles for Teachers
BEST NC: Improving Teacher Recruitment
BEST NC: Increasing Compensation for Teachers
NJ
JerseyCAN: Legislative Hearings on Teacher Misconduct
NJ
New Mexico Kids CAN: Equity in Effective Teaching Assignments
New Mexico Kids CAN: Licensure Reform: Allowing Effective & Exemplary Teachers to Advance without a Master’s
New Mexico Kids CAN: Teacher Preparation Report Card Implementation
NY
StudentsFirstNY: Advocating for Reform of Absent Teacher Reserve
Ed Trust–New York: Improving Access to Diverse Educators
EAE-NY: Protecting Teacher Evaluation System
OK
Oklahoma Achieves: Teacher Career Ladder
OR
Stand Oregon: Implementation of the Center for High School Success
TN
SCORE: Improving Educator Preparation Program
Effectiveness and Accountability
TennesseeCAN: Pushing for Transparency on Student Placement with Effective Teachers
TX
Educate Texas: Improving Effective Teaching
Stand Texas: Parent Teacher Home Visit Program
Texas Aspires: Expanding Teacher Voice
Texas Aspires: Securing Funding for Merit Pay

OTHER
34 organizations in 20 states

AZ
A+ Education Partnership: Publishing and Disseminating ‘Accelerating the Pace’ Report
Expect More Arizona: 8th Grade Math Parent Notifications
Stand Arizona: Updating English Language Learner Statute
EAE-LA: Implementation of School Climate Policy
GO Public Schools: Choosing Our Future: New Graduate Profile, Data Access, Innovation Zone
GO Public Schools: Data in Action: Improving Data Sharing & Use
Innovate Public Schools: Improving Special Education in San Jose Unified and Driving Awareness
Innovate Public Schools: Highlighting Success in Top Schools for Underserved Students
Teach Plus CA: Ensuring Equitable Access for Newcomer and English Learner Students
Ed Trust-West: Student-Centered Funding Formula for Community Colleges
A+ Colorado: Raising Awareness of Best Practices for ELL Students
Stand Colorado: Parent Engagement & Leadership Development
EAE-CT: Culturally Responsive Pedagogy
Rodel Foundation of Delaware: Social Emotional Learning
Foundation for Florida’s Future: Ensured Access to Education Scholarship Accounts for Students with Special Needs
GPEE: Supported Passage of Needs-Based Scholarship Legislation
GPEE: Supported Passage of P-3 Discipline Legislation
GeorgiCan: Reduce Early Grade Suspensions
HawaiiKidsCAN: Creating a Pilot Fund for Dual-Language Immersion Program Start-Up
Idaho Business for Education: Reinventing Higher Education
Advance Illinois: Developing 10 Year Agenda for Advance Illinois
EAE-Chicago: Implementing Citywide Problem-Solving Forums around School Culture & Climate
EAE-Chicago: Passing 2 School Climate & Culture-Related State Resolutions
EAE-Chicago: Supporting E4E’s National “In Class, Not Cuffs” Campaign
Stand Illinois: Starting “Stand as One” Resilience Program
Teach Plus IL: Reforming Student Discipline
Stand Indiana: Positive Behavior Discipline System
DFER Louisiana: Reforming Louisiana’s TOPS State Scholarship Program
MBAE: Digital Equity
Teach Plus MA: Social Emotional Learning
Teach Plus MA: Personalized Learning
EdAllies: Student Dismissals
EAE-MN: Ending Racial Discipline Disparities and Promoting Alternatives to Exclusionary Discipline
EAE-NY: School Climate and Restorative Justice
Stand Oregon: Implementation of the Center for High School Success
Stand Oregon: Tuition Equity for DREAMers or DACA Recipients
Stand Tennessee: Launched the Memphis-Shelby County Discipline Reform Alignment Initiative
Texas Aspires: Championing the 60x30TX Postsecondary Plan
BESR: Revised Student Discipline Rules
League of Education Voters: Providing Student Supports & Improving School Climate
League of Education Voters: Increasing Access to State Financial Aid for Postsecondary
Partnership for Learning: Increasing Postsecondary Credential Attainment

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ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY
30 organizations in 20 states

CHARTER SCHOOLS
27 organizations in 19 states

AL  A+ Education Partnership: Implementing School Report Cards
AZ  A+ Education Partnership: Fostering Proof Points by Supporting Creation of Innovative Charter Schools
AR  Arkansas Learns: Parent Witnesses for Lawsuit Challenging Inter-District School Choice
AZ  Arkansas Learns: Appointment of Four Recommendations to Charter Authorizing Panel
CA  A for Arizona: Supporting the Replication and Expansion of District and Charter Schools
CO  AZ Charter Schools Association: Charter Financial Accountability: Conflict of Interest, etc.
CA  AZ Charter Schools Association: Building Charter Parent Engagement
CT  GO Public Schools: 1Oakland Campaign for Coherent, Equity and Quality-Focused System of Schools
CO  Innovate Public Schools: Supporting Launch of New Innovative and Equitable Schools
CO  CO League of Charter Schools: Charter Equalization Funding
CA  CO League of Charter Schools: Additional Charter School Facilities Funding
CT  CO League of Charter Schools: Protecting Charter Autonomy
CT  CO Succeeds: Ensuring Equitable Funding for State Authorized Charter Schools
CA  ReadyCO: Equal Funding for State Authorized Charter Schools
CO  A+ Colorado: Expanding New School Development in Metro Denver
LA  ConnCAN: Supporting Equitable Funding of Charter Schools
MD  DCSRIN: High Quality Schools Campaign
DC  FOCUS: Protecting Charter School Autonomy
DC  FOCUS: Securing Equitable Funding for Public Charter Schools
NY  FOCUS: Charter School Expansion
CA  Foundation for Florida’s Future: Securing Capital Outlay Funding & Greater Autonomy for Charters
CA  GeorgiaCAN: Equitable Charter School Funding
CA  HawaiianKidsCAN: Appropriating Charter School Funds for Facilities Projects & Rent Assistance
CO  NYC Charter School Center: Supporting Charter Expansion
FL  Blum: Seeking Leadership Flexibility for Idaho’s Public Charter Schools
AL  INCs: Equalizing Charter Funding
AL  INCs: Supporting Charter Applicants in Expansion Efforts
GA  INCs: Implementing Universal Enrollment for All Chicago High Schools
ID  Mississippi First: Building the Charter Sector
CA  Mississippi First: Protecting the Charter Sector
LA  JerseyCAN: Per-Pupil Funding for Charter Schools
FL  NewMexicoKidsCAN: Strengthening Charter Authorizing Practices
TX  NYC Charter School Center: Ensuring Fair Per Pupil Funding for Charter Schools
WA  NYC Charter School Center: Raising the Charter Cap
WA  NYC Charter School Center: Securing Security Guards for Charter Schools
TX  NYC Charter School Center: Ensuring that District Services Students with Disabilities Who Attend Charter Schools
WA  TNCS: Protecting Against Changes to Default Closure Law
TX  TNCS: Ensuring Charters’ Equitable Access to Reimbursement Funds for High Cost Special Education Students
TX  TNCS: Ensuring Appropriation of State Funding for Charter Schools
TX  TNCS: Protecting Equitable Sharing of Key Information Between Authorizers and Charter Schools
TX  TNCS: Requiring CMOs to Submit Necessary Information to Comptroller
TX  SCORE: Strengthening Charter School Environment
TX  TennesseeCAN: Special Education Funding for Charter Schools
TX  Texas Aspires: Implementing District-Charter Partnership Incentives
TX  BES: Supporting Charters in Lawsuit Challenge
TX  Texas Aspires: Championing Assessments & Accountability
WA  BES: Supporting Chartering in Lawsuit Challenge
WA  WA Succeeds: Defending State Accountability System
WA  WA Succeeds: Ensuring Appropriation of State Funding for Charter Schools
CA  Washington League of Charter Schools: Protecting Charter Autonomy
SCHOOL FINANCE
29 organizations in 17 states

AZ  A for Arizona: Supporting the Replication and Expansion of District and Charter Schools
Expect More Arizona: Education Funding, State Budget, and Prop 301 Extension

CA  GO Public Schools: Budgeting for Impact (Oakland)
Ed Trust-West: Student-Centered Funding Formula for Community Colleges
Ed Trust-West: Local Control Funding Formula Transparency
Ed Trust-West: Supplemental Funding for Students in the Lowest-Performing Subgroup

CO  CO League of Charter Schools: Increases to State K-12 Per-Pupil Funding
Teach Plus CO: State K-12 Funding CT

CT  E4E-CT: Statewide

DC  FOCUS: Securing Additional Funding for Public Education
DFER District of Columbia: Increasing Out of School Time Program Funding

DE  DelawareCAN: Improving School Spending Accountability
Rodel Foundation: Fair and Efficient Funding

GA  GeorgiaCAN: Equitable Charter School Funding
Blum: Pushing Toward Equitable Student-Based Funding

HI  HawaiiKidsCAN: Expanding AP Exams to Support Low Income Students

IL  Advance Illinois: Advocating for Additional Funding in New Funding Formula
Stand Illinois: Funding for Broadband Access
Stand Illinois: Funding the New Funding Formula

KY  Prichard Committee: Preserving Education Investment in Biennial State Budget—Preschool through Postsecondary

LA  Stand Louisiana: Achieving Equity in School & Classroom Funding

MA  Stand Massachusetts: Fair School Funding
Teach Plus MA: School Funding Formula

MN  E4E-MN: Equitable School Funding and Financial Transparency

MS  Mississippi First: Explaining School Funding Debate

OK  Oklahoma Achieves: Fiscal Transparency

TN  Campaign for School Equity: Supporting Investments in Education
Stand Tennessee: Student-Based Budgeting in Memphis
TCSG: Requiring CMOs to Submit Necessary Information to Comptroller

TX  Educate Texas: Implementing Freshmen on Track Program
SCORE: Promoting Work-Based Learning and Aligning HS to Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness

WA  League of Education Voters: Creating a More Equitable K-12 Funding System

COLLEGE/CAREER READINESS
25 organizations in 19 states

AZ  Expect More Arizona: 8th Grade Math Parent Notifications
Colorado Succeeds: Expanding Work-Based Learning & Industry Credential Opportunities
Colorado Succeeds: Expanding Access to AP Courses in Rural School Districts
DFER Colorado: Widening Access to Advanced Coursework in High School

CO  ConnCAN: Making College/Career Readiness Data Accessible
Rodel Foundation: College and Career Access

CT  Foundation for Florida’s Future: Expanding Computer Science Course Offerings & Access to Pathways

DE  GPEE: Launching EdQuest Policy Platform
GeorgiaCAN: Expanding Free AP Exams to Support Low Income Students

HI  Rodel Foundation: College and Career Access

IL  Idaho Business for Education: Workforce Development
Idaho Business for Education: Reinventing Higher Education
Idaho Business for Education: Computer Science

IN  Empower Illinois: Working on Policies Supporting Low-Income, Gifted Learners

LA  Stand Louisiana: Outlining & Launching Programs Around High School Success

MA  MBAE: Credentials for Success

MD  ExcelinEd: Enacting & Improving Comprehensive Course Access Laws
JerseyCAN: STEM

MI  Ed Trust–New York: Increasing Access to Coursework that Prepares Students for College, Career and Civic Readiness

OH  Fordham-Ohio: Defending State Accountability System

OR  Stand Oregon: Improved HS Diploma & Credenti al Standards

PA  Partnership for Learning: Expanding Equitable Dual Credit Access to More Students

TX  Educate Texas: Portability of Credits & Credentials
Educate Texas: Strengthening Education and Workforce Alignment

WA  League of Education Voters: Providing Meaningful HS Diplomas & Career-Connected Learning Opportunities
Partnership for Learning: Protecting Career and College Ready Diploma
Stand Washington: Expanding Equitable Dual Credit Access (Academic Acceleration)
Stand Washington: Mandating Freshmen On-Track Programming
Stand Washington: Building a Cohort of Exemplar Districts Providing Freshmen On-Track

*  ExcelinEd: Expanding College and Career Course Opportunities (Multiple States)
GOVERNANCE & ELECTIONS
21 organizations in 14 states

AZ
AZ Charter Schools Association: Engaging in State Elections

CA
E4E-LA: Union Leadership
GO Public Schools: Budgeting for Impact (Oakland)
GO Public Schools: Choosing Our Future (Fresno)
GO Public Schools: Oakland Campaign for Coherent, Equity and Quality-Focused Systems of Schools
Innovate Public Schools: Elevating the Achievement Gap as a Key Issue in the Mayoral Race

CO
A+ Colorado: Supporting More Effective Portfolio Management in Denver
DFER Colorado: Engaging in School Board Races
ReadyCO: Supporting Conservative Champions
Stand Colorado: Electing Education Champions for School Board & State Legislature

DC
DFER DC: Candidate Endorsements

DE
DelawareCAN: Raising Awareness of School Board Leadership

GA
EdVoice: Increasing Public School Choice Options Through Inter-District Transfer
Parent Revolution: Increase Public School Options Through Inter-District Transfer

IL
Stand Illinois: Support 8 Candidates in Legislative Primary
DFER Louisiana: Ensuring a Smooth Unification Transition
DFER Louisiana: Galvanizing Parents and Community Members in New Orleans and Baton Rouge

LA

MS
Mississippi First: Building the Charter Sector

NJ
JerseyCAN: City Ecosystem Work in Newark & Camden

NY
E4E-NY: Engaging Union Leadership

OR
Chalkboard Project: School Board Governance & Equity Trainings

TN
Campaign for School Equity: Student Advocacy Program: Candidate Forum
Stand Tennessee: Endorsing Candidates in Shelby County

WA
Stand Washington: 2018 Primary and General Election State Legislative Races

SCHOOL CHOICE
11 organizations in 10 states

AR
Arkansas Learns: Parent Witnesses for Lawsuit Challenging Inter-District School Choice

CA
EdVoice: Increasing Public School Choice Options Through Inter-District Transfer

CA
Parent Revolution: Increase Public School Options Through Inter-District Transfer

CO
ReadyCO: Open Enrollment/School Choice in Traditional Public Schools

FL
Foundation for Florida’s Future: Establishing Hope Scholarships for Victims of Bullying

GA
Foundation for Florida’s Future: Ensuring Access to Education Scholarship Accounts for Students with Special Needs
ExcelinEd: Expanding Tax Credit Scholarships and Charter Funding
GeorgiaCAN: Increasing Tax Credit Scholarship Program Cap

ID
Bluum: Advocating for Improvements to Idaho’s Online Schools

IL
Empower Illinois: Creating, Protecting, and Advancing Statewide School Choice Policies

PA
Empower Illinois: Implementing Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program

OH
Fordham-Ohio: Improving Laws Regarding Virtual Charter Schools

PA
ExcelinEd: Expanding Tax Credit Scholarships and Charter Funding
ExcelinEd: Choices in Education Video Contest (Nationwide)

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EARLY LEARNING
10 organizations in 11 states

AZ  Expect More Arizona: Child Care Reimbursement
DE  Rodel Foundation: Early Childhood Funding
ID  Idaho Business for Education: Early Education
IL  Teach Plus IL: Expanding Access to Early Childhood Education
IN  Stand Indiana: Implementing & Defending Pre-K Access
KS  Aligned: Early Childhood Investments
KY  Prichard Committee: Increasing Investment in High-Quality Preschool and Childcare
MO  Aligned: Early Childhood Funding
    Aligned: Early Childhood Legislation
LA  Stand Louisiana: Increasing Access to Quality Early Childhood Education
MS  Mississippi First: Building the Pre-K Sector
WA  League of Education Voters: Increasing Access to High Quality Early Childhood Education

STANDARDS & ASSESSMENTS
9 organizations in 9 states

AZ  A+ Education Partnership: High-Quality, Aligned Assessments that Allow for Year-Over-Year Analysis
DE  A for Arizona: Implementing High Quality Assessment Choice for State Accountability
GA  GPEE: Serving on Assessment Innovation Taskforce
HI  HawaiiKidsCAN: Supporting Passage of K-12 Computer Science Standards at the Board of Education
MI  Ed Trust-Midwest: Protecting Standards-Aligned Assessment System
    EdAllies: Testing Administration
    Mississippi First: Examining Testing Practices in Mississippi
NJ  JerseyCAN: Changes to Statewide Assessment
WA  Partnership for Learning: Supporting Rigorous Standards, Aligned Assessments

LITERACY
7 organizations in 7 states

AZ  Stand Arizona: Early Literacy Program Improvement
    Stand Arizona: Increasing Funding for Early Literacy
    Stand Arizona: Family Engagement on Reading
CO  Stand Colorado: Improving Early Literacy Policy
    Stand Colorado: Parent Engagement & Leadership Development
FL  Foundation for Florida’s Future: Creating Reading Scholarship Accounts for Students Struggling to Read
MA  Stand Massachusetts: Fair School Funding
    Stand Massachusetts: Improving Early Literacy
MI  Ed Trust-Midwest: Support Data-Informed Investments in Early Literacy Improvement
NE  Educate Nebraska: Comprehensively Addressing Stagnant Literacy Rates
TN  SCORE: Implementing Instructional Best Practices and Focus on Early Literacy
*  ExcelinEd: Improving Literacy Laws (Multiple States)