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CCSSO ANNOUNCES NEBRASKA CHIEF JOINS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) today announced that Nebraska Commissioner Matthew Blomstedt joined its Board of Directors.

CCSSO's Board of Directors manages the overall business affairs of the Council and is the governing body of the organization. The Board is composed of the president, the president-elect, the past president, and six directors elected by the members from the CCSSO membership.

"It is a great honor to be appointed to the CCSSO Board of Directors. CCSSO has done a great deal to help shape the landscape of the nation's educational system," said Blomstedt. "I look forward to bringing Nebraska's perspective to the Board to ensure every student has an equitable opportunity for learning, earning and living."

"Commissioner Blomstedt is committed to providing an equitable education to the students of Nebraska and his dedication to ensuring opportunities for all students will be an asset on CCSSO's Board," said CCSSO Deputy Executive Director Carissa Miller. "I look forward to working with him."

The following is a list of CCSSO's 2017-2018 Board of Directors:

- President: Carey Wright, Mississippi
- President-Elect: Pedro Rivera, Pennsylvania
- President Pro Tempore: Brenda **Cassellius, Minnesota**
- Board Member: Jillian Balow, Wyoming
- Board member: Matthew Blomstedt, Nebraska
- Board Member: Steve Canavero, Nevada
- Board Member: Candice McQueen, Tennessee
- Board Member: Stephen Pruitt, Kentucky
- Board Member: Tony Smith, Illinois

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The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) is a nonpartisan, nationwide, nonprofit organization of public officials who head departments of elementary and secondary education in the states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and five U.S. extra-state jurisdictions. CCSSO provides leadership, advocacy, and technical assistance on major educational issues. The Council seeks member consensus on major educational issues and expresses their views to civic and professional organizations, federal agencies, Congress, and the public.

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