

# CHAIR REPORT

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## **GOALS**

- 1. Digital Divide, proactively identify technology and funding for students access to technology and connectivity.
- 2. Disaster Recovery Build the capacity & provide best practices for LEA's to recover from natural / man-made disasters & Cyber threats.
- 3. Cybersecurity provide best practices security guidance to LEA's.
- 4. Legislative Advocacy guiding principles for broadband.

# Previous Meeting Highlights [1/22/2021]

- CDE updates and support Calpads & distance learning discussion
- K12-HSN update internet access and CTF funds
- Cybersecurity Subcommittee working to provide training resources
- Disaster Recovery Subcommittee creating new best practices guide
- 2023 TSC chair update Julie Judd will be the 2023 chair

## **Ongoing Initiatives & Plans**

Should be an update for superintendents based on prior work and discussions.

- Cybersecurity Subcommittee meeting 4/22/2021 Improve CyberSecurity practices and develop policies in COEs, districts, and schools to promote a safe/secure learning and work environment.
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- Disaster Recovery Subcommittee Meeting 4/22/2021 Is creating tools for LEA's to prepare for disasters related to technology.
- Legislative Advocacy
- Digital Divide, proactively identify technology and funding for students access to technology and connectivity.

### **Concerns & Considerations**

Things the superintendents need to be apprised of in relation to steering committee interactions, work, or emerging issues.

- Guiding principles for broadband legislation
- E-Rate Funding for Distance Learning.
- Internet Connectivity for Distance Learning.
- Exploring the creation of a data subcommittee.
- COE's collecting CTF funds for eligible LEA's are being audited

### **Action Items**

Can include things that need input and superintendents' feedback & partnerships. Please err on the side of adding too much information.

- TSC is building a committee focusing on guiding principles for broadband legislation related to technology initiatives and advocacy. TSC members are meeting this month and will be communicating with the CCSESA staff, superintendents and legislative committee to ensure our guidance is in alignment with CCSESA.
- Digital Divide, TSC is working with partners to identify areas of need for student and staff access to reliable Internet for distance learning.
- ERate funding for distance learning. USAC is not funding remote connections for students nor are they funding VPN tunnels to content filter remote connections for students. Satellite internet connections are not an approved service and are ineligible for E-Rate funding.
- TSC 2022 Treasurer nominations
- COE's collecting CTF funds for eligible LEA's are being audited

## **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

June 24-25, 2021 October 21-22, 2021

TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE