

Statewide Education Sector Partnership

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The first statewide Education Sector Partnership launched on October 25. The launch of this partnership acknowledges the education sector as a significant source of employment for local and regional communities and a foundation for Colorado's economy. Furthermore, the launch recognized that stakeholders along the education continuum (early childhood, K-12, higher education) have shared interests and needs such as; talent recruiting and retention, public perception, and messaging. Collaboration across the education continuum is critical to strengthen the industry as a whole and fill critical talent needs.

The launch builds off of the strong network of regional sector partnerships launched in Colorado over the last two decades. These partnerships have a proven track record for addressing the challenging workforce needs of industry and are being applied to launch the statewide education partnership.

Purpose for Launching a Statewide Education Sector Partnership:

- **Be the model:** The Statewide Education Sector Partnership will serve as the model for regional education sector partnerships. The sector partnership will set the tone for strategic leadership and response partners across the state. The value in launching regional education partnerships across the state is critical to the economic impact in Colorado.
- **Identify a set of actions** that are needed at the state level to strengthen the education industry and solve persistent and growing workforce development challenges.
- **Serve as the home** for career pathway building in education.
- **Serve as statewide connection point** for regional educational partnerships.