

## COSN'S 2017 POLICY IMPACT

Our 2017 efforts centered on E-rate and broadband access for home and school, EdTech funding and data privacy and security. Take a look back below. Want to keep up to date on the issues and make an impact in 2018? Join the [CoSN Advocacy Network](#) today.

- CoSN, along with several other educational organizations, [expressed support for](#) the Department of Education's decision to highlight open educational resources as part of Secretary DeVos's proposed discretionary grant priorities. (November 2017)
- CoSN joined with a broad coalition of groups [asking the FCC to preserve the Lifeline Program](#) because of its implications for low-income families and its importance in decreasing the digital divide. Along with 54 other education groups, CoSN [registered support for high-speed broadband and wifi](#) through E-rate [category 2 services](#). (November 2017)
- CoSN, along with EducationSuperhighway and Funds for Learning [submitted comments](#) to the FCC on C2 Budget (October 2017)
- CoSN [submitted comments](#) to the FCC calling for the maintenance of 2014 E-rate modernization broadband goals and the adoption of ambitious connectivity goals for fixed and mobile broadband service. (September 2017)
- Following the Gulf Coast hurricanes, CoSN [sent a letter](#) to the FCC urging the agency to use its authority, and resources such as the E-rate and Lifeline programs, to help fill broadband infrastructure restoration gaps faced by school districts and students that are not otherwise met by federal emergency responses programs. (September 2017)
- CoSN [sent a letter](#) to Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Thune and Ranking Member Nelson expressing support for Jessica Rosenworcel's nomination to serve on the Federal Communications Commission and urged other committee members to support her. (July 2017)
- CoSN partnered with ISTE, SETDA and CDE to host a two-day [EdTech Advocacy and Policy Summit](#) in Washington, D.C. to educate Members of Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and the U.S. Department of Education about district technology leaders' position on E-rate, Lifeline, student data privacy, and funding for ESSA Title IV. (May 2017)
- CoSN partnered with ISTE and SETDA to [send a letter](#) to congressional appropriations leaders urging them to increase funding for the ESSA Title IV program for Fiscal Year 2018. The letter served as a basis for CoSN's work with the [Title IV Coalition](#) and other partners throughout the year to advocate for the program's funding. (April 2017)
- CoSN partnered with SETDA, the Alliance for Excellent Education and Common Sense Kids Action to [write a letter](#) to the FCC opposing the Wireless Competition Bureau's decision to revoke the agency's Lifeline Broadband Provider designation authorization. (March 2017)
- CoSN hosted a members only webinar to brief members about the expected 2017 education policy landscape, including helping members anticipate developments on Capitol Hill and at the U.S. Department of Education and Federal Communications Commission. (February 2017)
- CoSN partnered with the Non-Defense Discretionary United coalition to send a letter to Congress urging members to raise the spending caps established by the Budget Control Act of 2011. CoSN advocated throughout the year urging Members of Congress to raise the caps. (January 2017)