



CoSN LeadershipFest 2020

AGENDA – Day 1 – October 21, 2020

(Day 2 Agenda coming soon!)

8:00am-2:30PM

State Chapter Programming	8:45am-9:45am	Some CoSN Chapters will be providing content for their members during this time.
Break	9:45am-10:45am	
Digital Equity for All Learners: Beyond the Homework Gap	10:10am-11:05am	<p>The global pandemic has revealed that the Digital Divide and Homework Gap may be bigger than anticipated. A recent paper from Common Sense Media reported that 15-16 million students lack sufficient access to the Internet, and 9 million of those students also lack access to a laptop, tablet, or computer. When looking more closely at that data, a majority of those students identify as Black, Indigenous, or as a Person of Color (BIPOC).</p> <p>Beyond just access, a Digital Use Divide also impacts learners. Students from Title I schools, which also tend to have large percentages of BIPOC students, have fewer opportunities to use technology in creative, meaningful ways. Instead, available tools are used primarily for drill-and-practice, test-prep, remediation, and content delivery - what S. Craig Watkins refers to as a “technology rich, curriculum poor environment.” In this panel discussion, we will move beyond discussions of access and accessibility to address the ways in which district technology leaders can ensure equity for ALL learners.</p>
Break	11:05am-11:15am	
Fireside Chat: Cybersecurity in the COVID-19 era	11:15am-11:45am	The shift to hybrid and online learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to the forefront new cybersecurity risks and challenges for K-12 EdTech leaders. How can school IT leaders address these challenges with limited staff and tight budgets? Join Jim Edman, CISO for the State of South Dakota, for a conversation about cybersecurity risks and mitigation strategies for the COVID-19 era.
Break	11:45am-11:55am	

The Superpower of Technicolor in IT: How EdTech Leaders are Creating Professional Communities of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in K-12	12:50-1:00pm	<p>In order to create change, we as CoSN members will listen, learn, and reflect upon how industry-leading panelists are creating a professional community that encourages the sharing of diverse perspectives in the K-12 EdTech field. CoSN promotes strategies that achieve diversity, advance equity, and strengthen inclusion.</p> <p>In Part 2 of a panel conversation that started last May (here is a recording of Part 1) you will hear reflections of how EdTech Leaders are creating professional communities that encourage the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion for K-12 EdTech professionals. The diverse panel of well-respected individuals will discuss diversity in all senses while recognizing their own biases and share best practices and processes to counter the negative impacts bias can have in our organizations that will ultimately impact our students.</p>
Break	1:00pm-1:30pm	
State Chapter Programming	1:30pm-2:30pm	Some CoSN Chapters will be providing content for their members during this time.