

The <u>Consortium for School Networking (CoSN)</u> is honored to support the work of current and aspiring superintendents and district leadership teams through the <u>Association of Educational Service Agencies</u> in leading all aspects of digital learning transformations.

# Report on Experiences and Lessons Learned During the CoSN 2024 International Education Delegation to Spain

CoSN recently released a comprehensive report about the CoSN 2024 International Education Delegation's visit to Spain. During the group's visit to Spain they had the opportunity to gain an understanding of Spain's educational environment through visits to historical and contemporary schools as well as by participating in informative presentations and meeting with several of Spain's educational leaders.

Keith Krueger, CEO of CoSN, shared the following reflection about the delegation's visit to Spain on the <u>CoSN</u> <u>website</u>:

"To lead innovation in K-12 education, it's essential to stay ahead of emerging trends and strategies. These new resources will empower North American EdTech leaders by showcasing how Spain and the European Union are driving advancements in AI and other key innovations...We hope this inspires meaningful dialogue, deeper understanding and informed action."

Three themes were key in the delegation's focus during their site visits in Spain:

- 1. Vision and Leadership
- 2. Student-Centered Learning
- 3. Community and Collaboration

CoSN is pleased to share insights from delegation's visit to Spain in a special CoSN report. The topics covered in the report include:

1 International Delegation to Spain Overview – Key themes and takeaways from the delegation.

2. EdTech Implementation Differences – Challenges, similarities and differences between Spain and the United States

3. Learning By Doing – Play-based learning in action at schools in Barcelona and Madrid.

4. An Australian Perspective – Parallels and differences between the Spanish and Australian education systems.

You are welcome to access and download the CoSN Briefs on any or all of the four topics listed above on the *"Global Lessons From the CoSN International Education Delegations"* web page at:

<u>https://www.cosn.org/global-lessons/</u>. You will also find links to reports from previous CoSN International Education Delegation visits (CoSN Delegation to Norway and Finland & CoSN Delegation to Ontario, Canada) on that same web page.

## CoSN/AASA EmpowerED Superintendents edLeader Panel Series

CoSN, AASA, and edWeb.net co-host an online edLeader Panel broadcast series, sponsored by ClassLink, to help superintendents, district and school leaders and teachers connect and collaborate. Participants can join the live event or view recordings and podcast versions starting a day or two after the live broadcast.

The most recent CoSN/AASA edLeader panel broadcast aired on Monday, November 11, 2024. The topic was *"Leading and Leveraging Artificial Intelligence Tools Within K-12 School Districts"*. Three leading-edge superintendents were featured on the panel: Dr. Peter J. Aiken, Superintendent of Central York School District, Pennsylvania, Dr. Karen Cheser, Superintendent of Durango School District 9-R, Colorado and Dr. Jason Harris, Superintendent of Columbia School District, Mississippi. Each superintendent shared how they continue to lead the effective uses of AI within multiple school functions, including school operations, as well as in teaching and learning, while also dealing with the challenges that AI can present. Pete Just, CoSN Project Director for Generative Artificial Intelligence, also joined the panel. You are welcome sign up for free to view the recording, listen to the podcast and/or access an article with an overview of the presentation at: <a href="https://home.edweb.net/webinar/supers20241111/">https://home.edweb.net/webinar/supers20241111/</a>.

### CoSN 2025 Conference:

The CoSN 2025 Conference is going to take place in Seattle, Washington from March 31 through April 2, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency Seattle. You can learn more about CoSN 2025, view the list of Pre-Conference Events and the CoSN 2025 "Schedule at a Glance" agenda, as well as register for the CoSN 2025 Conference at: <a href="https://www.cosn.org/cosn2025/">https://www.cosn.org/cosn2025/</a>.

#### **CoSN Membership:**

Join other Educational Service Agencies by taking advantage of **CoSN's Bulk Membership Program** today! At CoSN, we believe in fostering a community where every school district, regardless of size, can thrive and excel in the digital age.

#### Here's what we offer:

- **10% Discount for Medium, Large, and Mega Large Districts:** We understand the challenges faced by districts with larger student populations. That's why we're thrilled to offer a generous 10% discount on membership dues for districts classified as Medium, Large, and Mega Large. Dive into a wealth of resources, tools, and networking opportunities at a fraction of the cost.
- **Complimentary Membership for Small Districts:** We're committed to leveling the playing field for all districts, including those with smaller enrollments. With our Bulk Membership Program, school districts with fewer than 2,500 students receive complimentary membership. Yes, you read that right—access our resources and connect with industry experts without spending a dime on membership dues!

#### Why CoSN?

- Access Unparalleled Resources and Networking: Gain exclusive access to cutting-edge insights, best practices, and research-driven solutions tailored to the unique needs of educational leaders. Forge invaluable connections with peers, industry experts, and thought leaders, propelling your district towards digital excellence.
- Stay Ahead of the Curve: In today's rapidly evolving educational landscape, staying ahead of the curve is non-negotiable. CoSN equips you with the knowledge, tools, and strategies needed to navigate the complexities of digital learning, ensuring your district remains at the forefront of innovation.

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