State Support Network

Partnering for School Improvement

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of State Support (OSS) is pleased to announce the **State Support Network**, a technical assistance initiative designed to support State and district school improvement efforts.
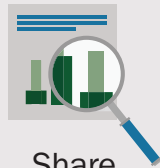
The State Support Network will collaborate with States, districts, and technical assistance partners to:

Elevate student outcomes

Scale systemic solutions

Share learning and leverage effective evidence-based practices

Build sustainable partnerships with states and other technical assistance providers

How does the State Support Network assist States and districts?

The State Support Network will bring States, districts, technical assistance providers, and experts together to analyze challenges and support schools. As States and districts design and implement new school improvement systems, the State Support Network will clarify and confirm needs of States and districts, complement and connect ongoing technical assistance efforts, and accelerate providers' efforts by offering additional support.

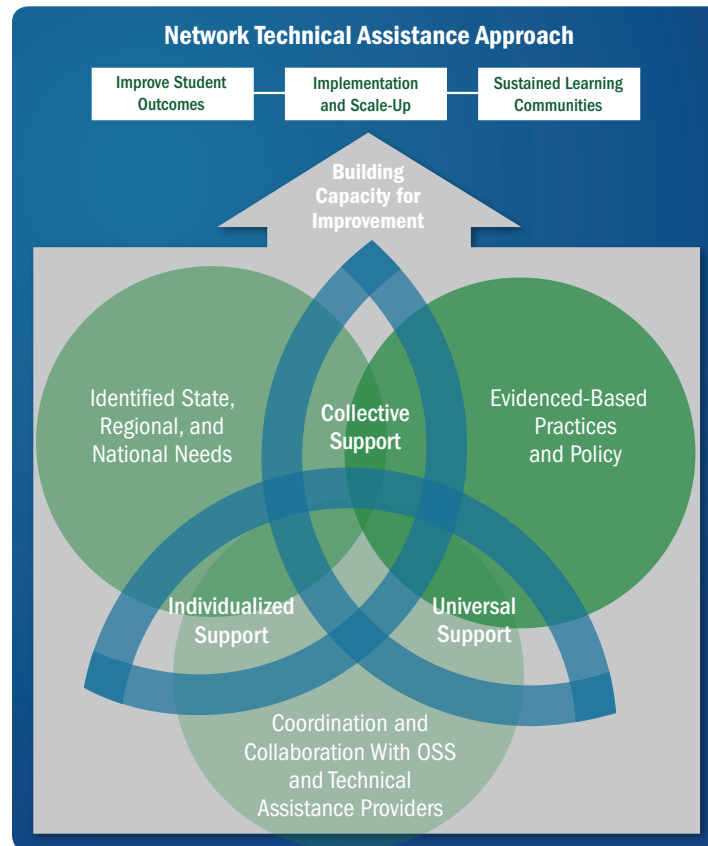In the first year of work, the State Support Network will help States and districts:

1. **Take stock** of lessons learned from prior systemic school improvement efforts.
2. **Assess districts' and schools' needs and assets** to inform improvement strategies.
3. **Build sustainable systems** to support continuous improvement and ensure student success.

Addressing needs through differentiated supports

Technical assistance providers such as the Comprehensive Centers and Regional Educational Laboratories play integral roles in working with States to plan and implement school improvement reforms. The State Support Network is collaborating with these organizations to identify State and district needs and any gaps in support or resources.

The State Support Network will offer varying levels of technical assistance support to States and districts, including:

- **Universal support** through broadly shared school improvement resources organized on a user-friendly website. Resources will include case studies, guidelines, and checklists for implementation, among other materials.

- **Collective support** for technical assistance delivered in person and virtually and shared by multiple organizations, so that States can learn and collaborate through peer-to-peer experiences and communities of practice led by technical assistance providers.

- **Individual support** focused on direct technical assistance from subject matter experts delivered in person and virtually to address specific State and district needs.

Network Technical Assistance Approach

Improve Student Outcomes — Implementation and Scale-Up — Sustained Learning Communities

Building Capacity for Improvement

Identified State, Regional, and National Needs

Collective Support

Evidenced-Based Practices and Policy

Individualized Support

Universal Support

Coordination and Collaboration With OSS and Technical Assistance Providers

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We want to engage with other providers and national experts to build upon this strong foundation and provide support where States and districts need it most.

Collaborative efforts may include co-developing learning opportunities for the field, co-facilitating peer-to-peer meetings to solve problems of practice, and providing on-the-ground support for States and districts.

Our collective efforts will be informed by:

- State, regional, and national needs and contexts.

- Evidence-based practices and policy.

- Ongoing communication with OSS as well as other national networks and centers.

The State Support Network will work with other technical assistance providers to combine efforts to meet our shared goals, maximize collective impact, and increase student success.

Contact StateSupportNetwork@air.org with any questions.