



COVID-19 Weekly Update



Week of March 16-20, 2020

Greetings,

During this unprecedented national health emergency, I know that school divisions face a myriad of issues and uncharted waters in terms of dealing with school governance and operations. I know that school board members continue to face heart-breaking decisions that impact the lives of students and their families.

As boards across the Commonwealth work through challenging governance, leadership, and management issues I have been moved by the genuine concern of our members about the children who are impacted by these decisions and the creativity and dedication of our divisions in meeting these challenges.

Our schools are the hub of our communities and the epicenter of so many memorable events in the lives of our children. While the unfortunate reality is that there will likely be more disruptions ahead for our children I know that our school boards will continue to act in the best interests of the nearly 1.6 million public school children across Virginia. I am also confident that our dedicated school board members will provide stability and model effective governance at a time when it is so desperately needed.

Know that VSBA will continue to serve its members throughout this time. Feel free to reach out to VSBA staff by email to let us know how we can assist you in the days and weeks ahead.

Thanks for all that you do,

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Resources, News & Updates

We have compiled a multitude of resources for school board members, and school divisions to consult. Below you will find the newest additions. For the entire collection please visit the VSBA COVID-19 resource page available at the link below.

In addition we have compiled a list of at-home learning resources that are available online for students who are home due to COVID-19. This list will be updated as additional resources become available. This is not an exclusive list, nor does this constitute an endorsement by VSBA for any of the included programs.

[Visit the VSBA COVID-19 Resource Page](#)

[Visit the At Home Learning Resources Page](#)

- [Mental Health and COVID-19 - Information and Resources](#)
- [Coronavirus Supplemental Appropriations Act Signed Into Law](#)
- [Center for Safe Schools : CDC Webinar - March 18th at 1pm EST - Answering 20 Questions about COVID-19](#)
- [FOIA and Electronic Meetings](#)
- [Virginia State Superintendent Explores Assessment and Accreditation Flexibility for Virginia Schools; Requests US Department of Education to Consider Statewide Testing Waivers](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education Releases Webinar, Fact Sheet for Protecting Students' Civil Rights During COVID-19 Response](#)

VSBA Events, Education & Updates

Here are the latest updates to the VSBA Schedule, and planned development.

- March 24, 2020 Title IX Workshop: Now Virtual- [register here!](#)
- March 25, 2020 Webinar Postponed: Creating an Environment Where Equity Becomes the Habit
- April 2, 2020 Superintendent Evaluation Workshop: Now Virtual- [register here!](#)
- April 17, 2020 Hot Topic Conference, Cancelled

Please keep an eye on our upcoming events. As we continue to consult the VDH, CDC, and WHO for guidelines on gatherings we will continue to release updates. See below for opportunities for development you can take advantage of now.

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Just because we can't learn from one another in the same space, doesn't mean the learning has to stop. Take advantage of the digital resources and learning opportunities below.

[Register for an Upcoming Live Webinar](#)

[Listen to the VSBA: School Board News](#)

[Read the Latest VSBA Newsletter](#)

[View the List of Available Webinars on Demand](#)

[Read the Latest Federal Advocacy Report](#)

