



COVID-19 Weekly Update



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Resources, News & Updates

We have compiled a multitude of resources for school board members, and school divisions to consult. 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.

Resources added this week:

- [VDOE: School Reopening FAQs](#)
- [VDOE Website for Resources on Reopening Schools](#)

Visit the VSBA COVID-19
Resource Page

Visit the At Home Learning
Resources Page

New & Updated Resources From VDOE

- [Phase Guidance](#) has been updated by the Governor's office to reflect the changes related to the notification of intent to vary from the Phase Guidance. It now also includes links directly to all the submission forms;
- [Information](#) presented by Kent Dickey regarding ESSER State Set Aside and GEER Funds;
- [School Reopening FAQs](#) that include a link to an online form submission for intent to vary;
- PDF copies of the [intent to vary form](#) and [health](#) and [instructional](#) plan form;
- Main [webpage of resources for reopening](#); and
- Quick links to the [health plan guidance](#), [sample school health screening guidance](#), and the [sample entrance questionnaire form](#).

A Conversation with 2020 Virginia Teacher of the Year, Andrea Johnson- Watch Below!



Summer Activity Guide

150 Activities & Challenges:

- Adaptable for in-person, virtually, or a hybrid of both
- Based in skill building & social emotional learning
- And More!

Summer Activity Guide 2020

Planning for summer just got a whole lot easier! We heard your concerns about how to maintain engagement throughout an atypical summer and have developed a suite of fun and engaging activities...

[Read more](#)
www.v-post.org

SchoolSafety.gov Launches New Tool

The Federal School Safety Clearinghouse recently launched the [State Information Sharing Tool](#), a new state-focused functionality on SchoolSafety.gov. This tool enables members of the academic community to search for state-specific school safety information and resources. The new State Information Sharing Tool aims to:

- Provide the academic community with a one-stop-shop for accessing state-specific

- school safety information;
- Provide a streamlined and centralized tool for connecting the academic community to their respective states as well as connecting states with one another; and,
- Enhance collaboration between state school safety leaders and the Federal School Safety Clearinghouse by establishing a sustained engagement platform.

BROOKINGS

Register to watch 'Education and structural inequalities ...

When: Thursday, June 25, 2020, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. EDT Where:
<https://www.brookings.edu/events/education-and-structural-inequalities-during-covid-19-how-do-finland-and-the-us-compare/> What: COVID-19 has laid bare the structural inequalities in...

[Read more](#)
connect.brookings.edu

Resources from the CDC



CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)



Social distancing means putting space between yourself and others.

[cdc.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Social Media Toolkit

CDC created this social media toolkit to help localize efforts in responding to the virus that causes COVID-19. This toolkit provides messages and graphics to help: Ensure current, correct messaging from a trusted source. Create collateral...

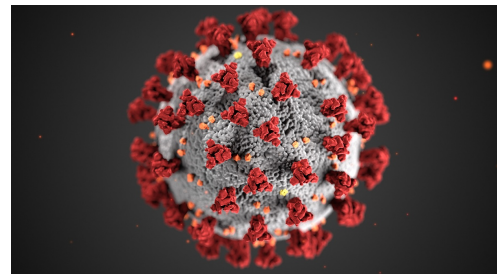
[Read more](#)
www.cdc.gov



Communities, Schools, Workplaces, and Events

Cleaning and Disinfecting: Everyday steps, when someone is sick, and considerations for employers.

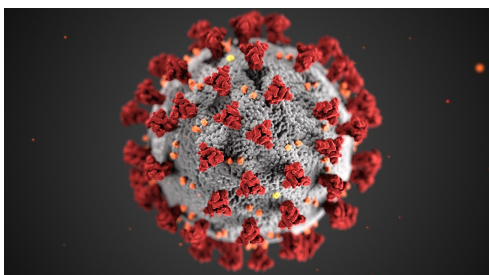
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Spanish Communication Resources:

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a virus (more specifically, a coronavirus) identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan, China.

[Read more](#)
www.cdc.gov



When You Can be Around Others After You Had or Likely Had...

If you have or think you might have COVID-19, it is important to stay home and away from other people. Staying away from others helps stop the spread of COVID-19. If you have an emergency warning sign (including trouble breathing), get emergency...

[Read more](#)
www.cdc.gov



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) - FAQs for...

FAQs for Administrators, Teachers, and Parents Updated June 3, 2020
Administrators should always reinforce healthy practices among their staff and students, as well as prepare for a potential case of COVID-19, regardless of the current level of...

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Thank you for following our updates.

Stay tuned for more information, and for any questions please contact
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2020- 2021 VSBA Conference Dates

We've received lots of inquiries about VSBA's schedule of upcoming conferences and events.

Here's the latest information.

[2020-2021 VSBA Events Schedule](#)



2020 VSBA Conference Dates

School Law Conference	June 5, 2020	Virtual
Orientation for New School Board Members and Superintendents	July 20, 2020	Virtual
Conference on Education	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
Title IX Workshop	September 17, 2020	VSBA Offices
Legislative Advocacy Conference	September 24, 2020	Virtual
Superintendent Evaluation Session	October 7, 2020	VSBA Offices
Annual Convention	November 18-20, 2020	Williamsburg Lodge

2021 VSBA Conference Dates

Capital Conference	January 25, 2021	Richmond
Winter Orientations	January 26, 2021	Richmond
Southwest Hot Topic Conference	March 17, 2021	Wytheville
Hot Topic Conference	April 13, 2021	Charlottesville
School Law Conference	June 4, 2021	Richmond
Summer Orientations	July 19, 2021	Richmond
Conference on Education	July 20, 2021	Richmond
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Registration for Upcoming Events

Pandemic Recovery and Questions Regarding Special Education: Plan Your Next Steps for Students with Disabilities

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Paid Webinar

**REGISTER
HERE**



As school divisions plan for the 2020-2021 school year, it is imperative that school administrators plan how they will support students with disabilities during the up-coming school year. The school closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic have left school divisions with many questions about serving students with disabilities. This webinar will address guidance from the U.S. Department of Education and the Virginia Department of Education related to the provision of a Free Appropriate Public Education during the most recent school closure as well as considerations for compensatory services. The webinar will also discuss: ways for school divisions to plan for future school closures with division-wide distance learning procedures; suggestions for IEP development; and the importance of continuing data collection and progress reporting during future interruptions during the school year. This webinar is open to everyone, and it is highly encouraged that the special education directors in your division attend.

Cost: \$150 per connection (unlimited number of participants per connection). **REGISTRATION FOR THE WEBINAR IS FINAL.** If you are unable to attend the live webinar, the webinar recording will be available for purchase.

Date and Time: July 7, 2020, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Presenters: Jason Ballum, Partner at ReedSmith

Orientation for New School Board Members and Superintendents

Monday, July 20, 2020

Virtual Event

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Becoming a new school board member or superintendent is an honor and a privilege. Enjoy a successful and less stressful transition by attending the VSBA Orientation for New Board Members & Superintendents. Many important topics will be covered, including the roles and responsibilities of board/ superintendents, how to work with your local appropriating body, school law, parliamentary procedure and school board budget basics. Don't miss this important virtual orientation which is a "must" for all new board members and superintendents!

Reopening Public Schools: Personnel and Special Education Issues in a Changed World

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Paid Webinar

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The webinar will focus on the many personnel and special education issues confronting school divisions around the Commonwealth as they try to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and extended school closures. There will be discussion of new legislation, state and federal guidance, and practical considerations as schools prepare for the 2020-21 school year facing new challenges. We hope you can join us for this conversation!

Cost: \$150 per connection (unlimited number of participants per connection). REGISTRATION FOR THE WEBINAR IS FINAL. If you are unable to attend the live webinar, the webinar recording will be available for purchase.

Date and Time: July 21, 2020, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Presenters: Wade T. Anderson, Attorney, Sands Anderson PC, and Nicole Cheuk, Attorney, Sands Anderson PC

VSBA Events, Education & Updates

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

- June 23, 2020, Onward: Continuing the Journey Towards Equitable Education, Free Webinar- [register here!](#)
- NEW! June 25, 2020, The Future of Learning, Today, Apple Education, Free Webinar-[register here!](#)
- July 20, 2020, VSBA Orientation for New School Board Members and Superintendents, **Now Virtual**- [register here!](#)
- July 21, 2020, VSBA Conference on Education, **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.

Register for an Upcoming Live
Webinar

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Newsletter

View the List of Available
Webinars on Demand

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2020 VSBA SCHOOL LAW UPDATE

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Human Resources for Board Members

