



COVID-19 Weekly Update



Week of April 20-24 2020

We're here to help like we always have been. Things may look a little different as VSBA adapts to changing times, but we're still providing uninterrupted service to our members each day.

To allow boards and board members to continue learning and growing during this vitally important time, we're now offering digital versions of most of our personalized board development workshops and training sessions. Sample topics include:

- Board and Superintendent Relations
- Board Self Evaluations
- Setting/Reviewing School Board Norms and Protocols
- Data Driven Decision Making
- Setting School Board Goals
- School Budget & Finance
- Understanding Roles and Responsibilities
- Improving Communications
- Working with the Community

We can provide customized solutions based on your team's needs. Please reach out to us with questions and to schedule an upcoming session.

For more information email Samantha Bosserman at samantha@vsba.org or call 1-800-446-8722 extension 3.

Nationwide Survey of Education Policymakers

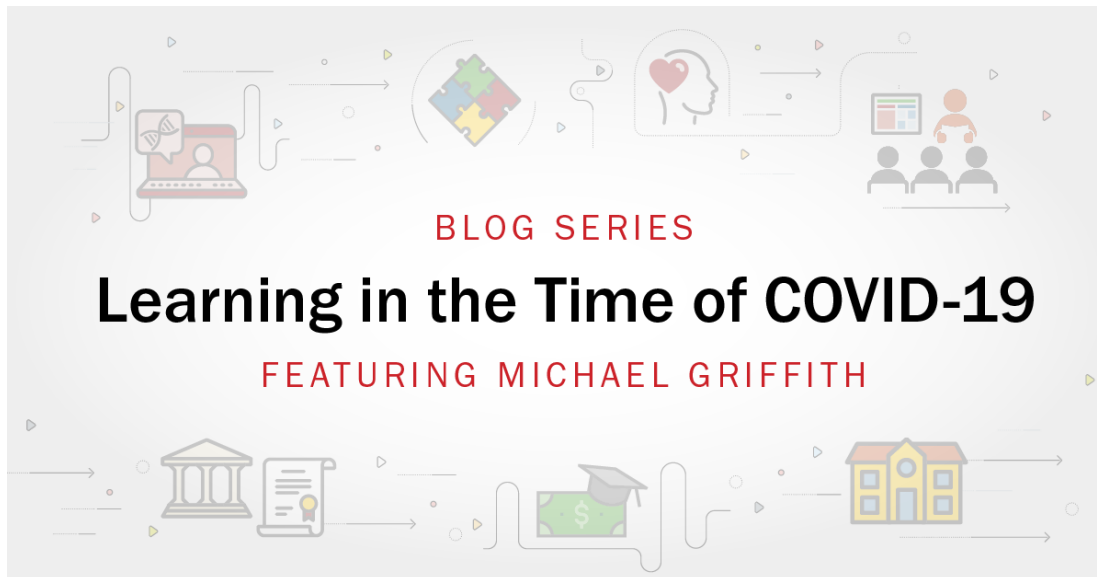
Schools across the country are closed and may remain so for the rest of the academic year. While the nation works to remedy the immediate crisis through distance learning, emergency funding, and other methods, we must also look ahead to the next phase of this crisis and begin discussing how to help students "catch up" from this unprecedented learning disruption.

To help inform these discussions, the Collaborative for Student Success has launched a 10-question survey for administrators, teachers, policymakers, and education advocates.

[Take the Survey
Here](#)

April 21, 2020: Transforming a High Poverty School Division Our Students Don't Have Time to Wait

Did you miss the live webinar? The recorded session is available below.



COVID-19 and School Funding: What to Expect and What You

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This post is part of LPI's Learning in the Time of COVID-19 blog series, which explores evidence-based and equity-focused strategies and investments to address the current crisis and build long-term systems capacity. The numbers are staggering.

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[View the Full Blog Series Here](#)

NASBE Policy Update Addresses Continued Learning During COVID-19

Nearly every state has issued guidance to help schools implement continuous learning for students and adapt to a variety of needs and circumstances amidst widespread school closures from COVID-19. A new NASBE policy update highlights state guidance addressing equity concerns and accessibility of instruction for all students, time spent in online learning, teacher resources and support, and services for students with disabilities.

In states like Alabama, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, and West Virginia, much of this work took place with the help of a task force or advisory group quickly assembled and comprising educators and administrators from across the state.

Author Joseph Hedger stresses the importance of that collaboration: "State boards and other state policymakers must reach across agencies and across the country to discover how best to guide their school systems through the equity and social-emotional challenges students are facing."

[Download the Analysis](#)



What Will It Take For Schools To Reopen?

The closure of schools due to COVID-19 has created a frenzy of activity as school systems scramble to feed students, give them work packets, get them online, and provide virtual resources. This is all necessary and appropriate, as school leaders...

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Schools will likely reopen gradually with physical...

It is likely that schools will gradually reopen during the next school year, but not without drastic changes to school life, San Diego Unified's chief medical officer told the school board Tuesday night. School schedules, classroom setups, bus...

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Harvard EdCast: School Leadership During Crisis

There is no guidebook for school leaders as they make decisions and try to move forward during the pandemic. With more than 55 million children out of school right now, Professor Deborah Jewell-Sherman knows that the uncertainty is a challenge...

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Courageous Conversations about Coronavirus and School Safety

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Coronavirus and School Safety Virtual Panel

View the panel discussion regarding: 1) Lessons from past outbreaks that we can draw from today. 2) Strategies for communicating with students, parents and staff during a crisis. 3) Practical advice for how to manage resource distribution....

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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](#)

Resources Added This Week

- [Closed Schools Are Creating More Trauma For Students](#)
- [Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence- Webinars and Resources supporting Social Emotional Learning through COVID-19](#)

VSBA Events, Education & Updates

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

- All Remaining Spring Region Network Forums have been **Cancelled**- view the Board

of Directors Resolution [here](#).

- April 28, 2020, Three Keys to Leadership Through Crisis, **Free Webinar**, [register here!](#)
- April 30, 2020, Recovering from the Coronavirus Pandemic: Federal Assistance to School Districts, **Free Webinar**, [register here!](#)
- May 7, 2020, VSBA Budget Training, **Now Virtual-** [register here!](#)
- June 5, 2020, VSBA School Law Conference, **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.

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Webinar**

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