



COVID-19 Weekly Update



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This week makes seven weeks since Governor Ralph Northam ordered schools to close, and over those seven weeks you have each risen to the challenge of re-imagining how to best serve the students of Virginia from afar. From meeting their nutrition needs, to providing for continuity of learning, to creatively recognizing your seniors, you have all gone above and beyond the call of duty.

This week many of you showed your appreciation for your School Lunch Heroes, and next week we will be showing appreciation to our teachers. We look forward to continuing to showcase these efforts, and working together to continue to learn, grow and navigate through these uncertain times. The VSBA staff continues to be available to you through phone and

email should you need us. Below are the recordings from this week's live webinars, and at the conclusion of this newsletter as usual you will find the upcoming events as well as any updates and event changes.

Thank you for all that you do,

-G.P.

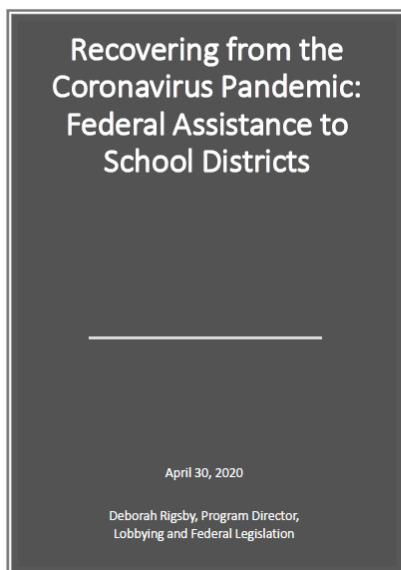
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April 28, 2020: Three Keys to Leadership Through Crisis



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April 30, 2020: Recovering from the Coronavirus Pandemic Federal Assistance to School Districts





AFT Launches Landmark Plan to Safely Reopen America's...

WASHINGTON-The American Federation of Teachers has released a detailed road map that, in the absence of a COVID-19 vaccine, charts a path to safely and responsibly reopen school buildings and other institutions crucial to the well-being and...

[Read more](http://www.aft.org)
www.aft.org



Leading By Reassuring - Webinar Training Series -...

As school leaders, as human beings, we are grappling with an issue of enormous scale and human impact. Our hearts go out to all who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. But good vibes and talk won't bring our communities and our schools...

[Read more](http://pages.k12insight.com)
pages.k12insight.com





Poverty & Covid-19

The Institute for Research on Poverty and our national collaborative of peer poverty research centers are especially aware of how the pandemic is affecting the most vulnerable members of society and straining the social services system. Families...

[Read more](#)
www.irp.wisc.edu

Senator Kaine Announces 'Everybody's the Graduation Speaker' Video Contest

WASHINGTON, D.C. –U.S. Senator Tim Kaine has launched the “Everybody’s the Graduation Speaker” video contest. With many in-person graduations likely to be postponed or canceled due to the coronavirus, Kaine is encouraging Virginia’s graduating high school seniors to submit a video of an original speech they would like to give at graduation. Kaine will select speeches to feature on his [Facebook page](#) and [website](#) during May and June to celebrate the graduates.

“One of the many groups of Virginians I’ve been thinking about during this challenging time is the graduates of the Class of 2020, many of whom won’t have the graduation experience they’ve been planning for a long time. I feel a sense of loss about that, so I want to do something fun for them and give all high school seniors the chance to be a graduation speaker. I look forward to hearing the wisdom Virginia’s future leaders have to offer and sharing their inspiration with others. Let’s show Virginia what the Class of 2020 is all about,” **Kaine said.**

Kaine is encouraging students to film videos of speeches that are 10 minutes or less and submit them to gradspeech@kaine.senate.gov by May 15.

[Watch the Announcement Video Here](#)

State Superintendent Announces Expansion of "VA TV CLASSROOM"

Following the successful launch of the ["VA TV Classroom"](#) initiative, the program offering is expanding an additional hour to include grades 4-7 in partnership with the Virginia Department of Education. Beginning the week of May 4, Continue to Know with WHRO will air SOL-aligned lessons led by teachers for grades 4-7 across the state.

WHRO Public Media along with its sister public media partners worked closely with the Virginia Department of Education to create "VA TV Classroom" to provide instruction to students in grades K-10 who are unable to access other distance learning options due to a lack of high-speed internet. "VA TV Classroom" launched April 13.

The expanded "VA TV Classroom" will air instructional content from 1-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"I would like to thank WHRO Public Media for stepping up and creating this new teacher-led content and to thank Blue Ridge PBS, VPM, and WETA for providing this resource for students while schools are closed as part of the commonwealth's strategy to slow the spread of the coronavirus," Lane said. "It is nothing short of amazing that these public media stations were able to create 'VA TV Classroom' a few weeks ago, and in another few weeks add an additional hour of daily instruction for students in grades 4-7."

The "VA TV Classroom" on-air schedule is as follows:

- K-3 instruction airs from 1-2 p.m. with Standards of Learning-aligned content provided by WHRO Public Media. "Learn to Grow with WHRO" segments will be 15 minutes in length and led by teachers.
- Grades 7-10 instruction airs from 2-3 p.m. with SOL-aligned content provided by WHRO Public Media focusing on Earth Science and Algebra 1.
- Grades 4-7 instruction airs from 3-4 p.m. with SOL-aligned content provided by WHRO Public Media. "Continue to Know with WHRO" segments will be 15 minutes in length and led by teachers.

"We are thrilled to expand VA TV Classroom to bring the classroom into homes with teachers teaching on TV," WHRO Public Media President and CEO Bert Schmidt said. "Much our instruction is now created digitally, but knowing so many students don't have access to our online resources, we were thrilled to bring this important instruction back to our air."

"VA TV Classroom" can be seen throughout the commonwealth on the following channels:

- WHRO – WHRO TV 15 and WHRO World: via antenna 15.2, Cox 107 & Verizon FiOS 460
- VPM – VPM Plus
 - Richmond area: via antenna 57.1, Verizon FiOS 24 & 524 (HD), Comcast 24 & 797 (HD), DIRECTV 57, DISH 57 & 9392 (HD)
 - Charlottesville area: via antenna 41.2, Comcast 265 (HD) & 1146 (HD)
 - Shenandoah Valley: via antenna 51.2, Comcast 9, 798 (HD) & 1042 (HD)
- WETA – WETA PBS Kids: via antenna 26.3, Comcast 266, Cox 801, Verizon FiOS 472, RCN 38
- Blue Ridge PBS – SWVAPTV: via antenna 15.2, Dish Network 16, streaming services Blue Ridge Streaming and Project Southwest on YouTube, Citizens Cable 82, Cox 107, Comcast/Xfinity 264, Lumos 17 (Shentel, Bedford, Covington, Glade Hill, Radford, Rocky Mount, Rustburg, Wytheville: 157)

Upcoming Education Week Webinar, "Incorporating SEL Into
Your District's Plans for Back-to-School" May 4th, 2:00 PM

You can register to attend or to have access to the recording at: [Incorporating SEL Into Your District's Plans for Back-to-School](#)

Summary:

For many district and school leaders preparing for back-to-school in today's context, social-emotional learning (SEL) will be integral to student success. Join this webinar to hear superintendents share their experiences and concrete strategies to strengthen and support students' social-emotional well-being in schools.

This webinar will cover how to:

- Understand each student's social-emotional skills and well-being through valid, reliable data.
- Enable school teams and educators to engage in data-based decision-making around SEL supports.
- Welcome students back into our buildings with positive, safe, and supportive school environments.

Guest Speakers:

Sheldon Berman, Superintendent, Andover Public Schools, Andover, Mass.

John Marschhausen, Superintendent, Hilliard City Schools, Ohio

Chris Moore, School Psychologist, Salem-Keizer Public Schools, Ore.

Samuel Moulton, Director of Research, Panorama Education

Molly Walker, Director of Social Emotional Learning & Measurement, Hilliard City Schools, Ohio

Moderator:

Becky Barstein, Professional Learning Manager, Panorama Education



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to participants through their Login Portal. Healthiest you allows members to receive expert medical care from the comfort of home or wherever they happen to be through phone call, video or email. This program allows members to reach board-certified physicians 24/7 for cost-effective, convenient care for non-emergent medical conditions, as well as search for nearby providers, compare pricing and view up-to-date coverage information.



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RESULTS SO FAR...

- 1.** Our 100% Pass-Through Rx rebates policy is proving highly beneficial: since 2017, members of the Virginia Schools Board Sponsored Health Plan have received \$1,153,722 back in Rx rebates.
- 2.** Since 2017, members of the Virginia Schools Board Sponsored Health Plan have saved \$515,741 in Rx costs.
- 3.** Employees within our Captive Plan have saved over \$461,713 in deductible credits.
- 4.** Captive members receive pro-rata dividends based on the profitability of the Captive.

Thank you for following our updates.

Stay tuned for more information, and for any questions please contact
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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

- [Educational Leadership- Why COVID-19 Is Our Equity Check](#)
- [K12 Insight- Webinar Series and Resources](#)
- [AFT Launches Landmark Plan to Safely Reopen America's Schools and Communities](#)
- [CDC- Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#)
- [CDC- Updated April 29: Keeping Children Healthy While School's Out](#)

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](#).
- May 5, 2020, A Conversation with Dr. Janice Underwood, Virginia's Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, **Free Webinar**, [register here!](#)
- May 7, 2020, VSBA Budget Training, **Now Virtual**- [register here!](#)
- May 11, 2020, Reduce Discipline with Schoolwide Mindfulness, **Free Webinar**, [register here!](#)
- May 14, 2020, Free Speech for Me but not for Thee: Issues Presented When School Board Members Communicate on Social Media , **Paid Webinar**, [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.

[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](#)

