



COVID-19 Weekly Update



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Week of May 11- 15, 2020

This week many of us are preparing to enter into Phase One of Governor Northam's plan to Reopen Virginia. As we continue to wade into the unknown, it is increasingly important for us to remain aware of the needs of our students, staff, and community. The hard work continues as we shift our focus from finishing up this academic year and prepare to dive head first into the waters of the 2020-2021 academic year.

Please know that as you continue this work, we remain available to answer your questions, provide resources virtual meetings, conferences and training, advocate for public education, and most importantly to support you as you do the heavy lifting. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with feedback and suggestions. I also encourage board members to complete the membership opinion survey so that we can plan how to best serve you over the coming year.

Thanks for all that you do, especially now.

-GP

May 11, 2020: VSBA Webinar: Reduce Discipline with School-wide Mindfulness



PERSONALIZED BUDGET TRAINING FOR GOVERNANCE TEAMS

It is important for all members of your team to come together to understand the school board's role in the division budget process, how to communicate budget needs to the local appropriating body, and understand the school budget process.

Learn from a leader in school finance in Virginia and have the opportunity to ask specific questions as it relates to your school division's budget.

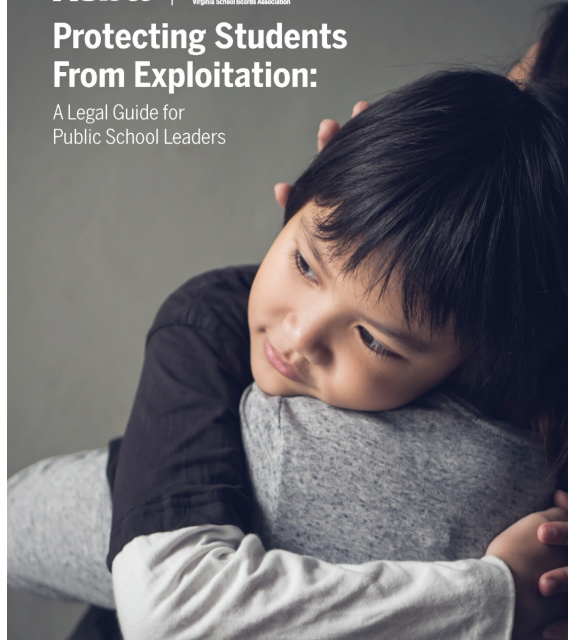
For more information, contact VSBA.

New Resource: Protecting Students From Exploitation

VSBA has released a new legal resource "Protecting Students From Exploitation: A Legal Guide for Public School Leaders. The guide brings awareness to the scope and complexities of the problem and can help support actions against it.

Protecting Students From Exploitation:

A Legal Guide for Public School Leaders



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
Legislative Advocacy Conference	September 23, 2020	Charlottesville
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Registration for Upcoming Events

School Law Conference

Friday, June 5, 2020

Virtual Event

**REGISTER
HERE**



Your school division needs you, your superintendent, and your attorney to participate in the 2020 VSBA School Law Conference webinar! Why? Because many of the decisions you make have legal implications that will impact your school division for years to come. Hear school law updates from the state and local perspective as well as learn about the legal authority and your role as a school board. Attend this online session to be informed and be prepared!

Orientation for New School Board Members and Superintendents

Monday, July 20, 2020

Virtual Event



**REGISTER
HERE**

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!





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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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Welcome! You are invited to join a webinar: School...

One Billion Meals. That's the number of meals at school that kids in need have missed due to school closures. Join No Kid Hungry and the National Summer Learning Association to learn about the innovative ways schools are connecting kids with food ...

[Read more](#)
strength.zoom.us

FREE Webinar Opportunity- Reopening schools in the fall amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Presented by the Brown Center on Education Policy at Brookings

**Live Webinar hosted by the Brown Center on Education Policy at Brookings
Coping with COVID-19: Mental Health Strategies for Children and Families
Thursday, May 21, 2020, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. EDT**

As the coronavirus outbreak spreads throughout the country and containment measures are implemented by authorities, every facet of American life has been upended—including education. Virtually all schools in the United States will remain closed through the end of the current academic year, which has required teachers, students, and parents alike to rapidly adapt to a new remote learning environment. But as state and local governments begin to map out their reopening strategies, many questions remain about when and how to reopen schools for next year, what types of protections are needed for student and staff safety, and a host of other considerations.

On May 21, the Brown Center on Education Policy at Brookings will host a webinar that will address how the United States should approach reopening schools in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Education experts will discuss options regarding the pace and sequence of reopening schools, how school practices will change to accommodate public health guidelines, and what schools should anticipate in the fall.

Viewers can submit questions for speakers by emailing events@brookings.edu or via Twitter at [@BrookingsEd](https://twitter.com/BrookingsEd) or by using [#covidreopening](https://twitter.com/covidreopening).

[RSVP to Watch](#)

FREE Webinar Opportunity- Supporting the Whole Child During Restart & Recovery-COVID-19 Response, Hosted by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the Learning Policy Institute

Live Webinar hosted by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the Learning Policy Institute

Supporting the Whole Child During Restart & Recovery-COVID-19 Response
Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. ET

As the 2019-20 school year winds down virtually, state, district, and school leaders are turning their attention to how school buildings can safely reopen. They are exploring how to evaluate and address learning loss, ensure the physical safety and well-being of everyone in the school building, and support the social, emotional, and mental health of students and teachers. They are also considering the best ways to address trauma their students may have experienced because of the COVID-19 pandemic-especially for traditionally underserved students, including students of color and those from low-income families.

Join the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and LPI for this webinar to discuss both how lessons from the science of learning and development can inform restart and recovery plans to support student well-being and learning, as well as how state chiefs are already taking a whole child approach to pandemic response.

CCSSO Executive Director Carissa Moffat Miller will facilitate a conversation with Linda Darling-Hammond, President and CEO, Learning Policy Institute and President of the California State Board of Education, as well as state education leaders on the importance of policies and practices that support students' social-emotional, mental and physical health, and well-being during restart and recovery. The panel will also discuss actions state leaders can pursue in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to support the whole child.

During the webinar, panelists will discuss adopting a whole child approach to restarting schools and recovering from extended school closures, specifically looking at:

- Insights from the science of learning and development and its implications for school restart and recovery;
- The importance of policies and practices that support students' social-emotional, mental and physical health and well-being during restart and recovery; and
- Strategies and practical actions state leaders can pursue in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and eventual restart and recovery, with a whole child approach that leverages the insights on the science of learning and development.

[Register Here](#)

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

- [Tips for families struggling to support at-home instruction- Video by Dr. Arianna Howard, diversity, trauma and social-emotional learning expert](#)

VSBA Events, Education & Updates

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

- May 18, 2020, VSBA Showcases for Success 2020, **Free Webinar**, [register here!](#)
- May 27, 2020, Advocacy Continues in a Time of Emergency, **Free Webinar**, [register here!](#)
- May 28, 2020, What is Construction Management At-Risk (CMAR) and When Should School Boards Consider Using it?, **Free Webinar**, [register here!](#)
- June 5, 2020, VSBA School Law Conference, **Now Virtual-** [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.

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