



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

***The Commissioner's Roundtable
for Family and Community
Engagement in Education***

May 5, 2020

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Emergent Critical Issues in Education**
Commissioner Miguel Cardona
- **Listening to Roundtable Members**
- **CSDE Leaders Share Information and Resources, and Respond to Questions from Members**
 - **Social Emotional Concerns for Students, Families and Staff**
Charlene Russell-Tucker, Deputy Commissioner for Educational Supports and Wellness
 - **Maintaining Continuity of Education**
Desi Nesmith, Deputy Commissioner for Academics and Innovation
 - **Providing Services to Special Education Students and Their Families**
Bryan Klimkiewicz, Special Education Division Director
- **Discussion Wrap-up and Charge to the Roundtable from Commissioner Cardona**





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Dr. Miguel A. Cardona, Commissioner

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PreK–12 Education Reopening Subcommittee



- **This subcommittee is charged with providing recommendations related to the guidelines that would enable local school districts to safely reopen their schools.**
- **These recommendations would enable the Governor to announce a plan by May 20th that takes precautionary steps towards a safe reopening in the fall.**
- **This plan would prioritize public health and safety, ensure educational inequities are not exacerbated, and integrate the thinking of all other subcommittees.**





Regional Advisory Teams



1. RESC Directors organize recommendations/ considerations from six separate weekly meetings with various educational stakeholders into major themes/trends to share with CSDE.

2. RESC Directors meet with CSDE Deputy Commissioners every week to share recommendations and considerations.

3. Commissioner of Education uses updates to inform Governor's Statewide Reopen Task Force.



Distance Learning Support



Resources to Support Student Learning During School Closures Due to COVID-19

- Volume 1: Content specific resources to support student learning organized by both discipline and grand band.
- Volume 2: Expanded content specific resources and general resources to support remote learning.
- Volume 3: Resources around student data privacy, grading practices, assessment, professional learning, and additional content resources to support remote learning.
- Volume 4: Resources for academic intervention support, behavior intervention support as well as additional content resources to support remote learning.

Regional Education Service Center (RESC) Repository

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Digest/2019-20/DistanceLearning_OnePager_draft3-copy.pdf

Professional Support Series for Families and Educators Learn from Home Task Force – Scholastic Book Packs/Laptops



Addressing Social & Emotional Well-Being



Example of Supports Provided to Families & Districts:

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/Professional-Support-Series-for-Families>
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/COVID-19/PSSF/040720_Social-Emotional-Family-Resources.pdf?la=en

Meal Service:

- Emergency meal service — Approximately 4 million meals served
- Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)
 - The P-EBT program provides households with an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card that contains the value of the free school breakfast and lunch reimbursement rates for the days that schools are closed.
 - The P-EBT program will reach approximately 270,000 children in Connecticut.
 - Benefits are equal to \$5.70 per day per child and will be retroactive to March 17, 2020.





Thank you for your time and partnership



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Listening to Roundtable Members

1. What challenges are your constituents experiencing during this unprecedented time?
2. What successes are you seeing that should be celebrated?
3. What else can CSDE do?



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