Expanded Learning: Governance for Developing Effective Learning Recovery Plans
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Necessary Actions for Educational Recovery in California’s Schools
Meeting Students Needs Now and Laying the Groundwork for Longer-term Transformation
1. Act now to address critical needs
2. Lay the ground work for longer-term transformation

NEED
COVID-19 has had devastating impacts on students, families, educators, and communities.

OPPORTUNITY
The pandemic has led to disruption, experimentation, innovation, & forced restarts.

FUNDING
State & federal governments are making significant investments in education & communities.
Prioritize 5 key equity actions

By redesigning schools to be restorative places—places where students feel safe, known, supported, and fully engaged in learning—we can accelerate student learning and lay the groundwork for long-term and systemic transformation.

1. Center Relationships
   Prioritize building and nurturing relationships of mutual support and high expectations among students, families, and educators.

2. Address Whole Child Needs
   Identify the unique social, emotional, mental health, language, and academic needs of every student; develop plans to address those needs.

3. Strengthen Staffing & Partnerships
   Invest in staff and deepen community-based partnerships—including during summer and out-of-school time—to address students’ individualized learning and mental health needs.

4. Make Teaching & Learning Relevant & Rigorous
   Support educators to prioritize equity; racial, cultural, and linguistic relevance; rigor; and the highest priority standards in curriculum and instruction.

5. Empower Teams to Reimagine & Rebuild Systems
   Lay the groundwork for long-term systemic transformation via collaboration and cocreation among racially, linguistically, and culturally diverse students, families, educators, and community partners.
Top priority: A Restorative Restart

Within the 5 restorative practices, there are specific evidence-based actions district and school leaders and staff can undertake during the **first 6 weeks of school** to ensure a **restorative restart** for students. These should continue in the months and years to follow.

**First 6 weeks of school year**

Use this as a restorative restart period. Focus on making sure students & educators feel safe, known, supported, and fully engaged in learning.

**The months and years that follow**

Once these restorative practices have begun, education leaders—along with school staff, families, students, and other community stakeholders—must sustain and take further action to transform their schools and systems for equity, permanently.
Getting specific on learning recovery: Assess student needs

In the first weeks of the 2021-22 academic year, every school should:
• Conduct regular student wellness screenings
• Utilize interim or diagnostic assessments to determine current learning needs
• Review prior year data on attendance, engagement, and grades
• Discuss student needs and assets with parents, caregivers, and former teachers

Important considerations:
• Schools/districts should only collect data that is going to used to better support students
• Teachers, school leaders, and district administrators need different kinds of data to make decisions
• Staff may need training and support in reviewing and acting upon data and maintaining an “improvement mindset”
Getting specific on learning recovery: Provide targeted supports

Every school should plan now to offer:
- High dosage tutoring and mentoring that are available more than once per week and in which students develop meaningful relationships
- Mental health and counseling
- Expanded learning opportunities, including during summer and out-of-school time, that are hands on; fun and engaging; student centered; and complementary to classroom learning
- Tiered re-engagement supports

Important considerations:
- Partnering with community-based organizations is critical for implementing these programs
- High school & college-age youth, family & community members can be brought into schools to serve as liaisons, mentors, & tutors
- Community roles will require training, but may be easier to staff than highly specialized positions
- Districts facing local staffing challenges might consider remote solutions
Getting specific on learning recovery: Offer engaging, grade-level content in every classroom

Every school should plan now to:
• Advance racial equity in curriculum and teaching
• Offer students choice and voice in their learning, with lots of opportunities for feedback and collaboration
• Focus on priority standards and lessons to support student learning - accelerate rather than remediate

Important considerations for effective staff development:
• Invest in ongoing and embedded professional development
• Increase time for professional development and teacher collaboration in the workday
• Invest in developing depth of local expertise
• Balance tight and loose professional development priorities
# The 4Ts: Investing in a Restorative Restart

## Dedicating TIME for transformation
- Designate a restorative restart period, up to 6 weeks, at the beginning of the school year
- Create restorative restart and transformation teams and make sure they have protected time to meet throughout the year
- Dedicate paid planning and collaboration time as part of the school schedule
- Pay teachers and staff for activities that go beyond traditional responsibilities (tutoring, family outreach, professional development)

## Recruiting and hiring TALENT
- Pay high school & college-age youth, family & community members to be multilingual and multicultural liaisons, mentors, & tutors
- Hire more counselors, social workers, and mental health care specialists
- Staff up to offer expanded summer and out-of-school time opportunities
- Partner with community-based partners who can extend the capacity of the district

## TRAINING educators and staff
- Support paid professional learning time, including content specific to trauma-informed, healing-centered restorative justice culturally responsive, antiracist teaching, relationship-centered, family engagement, and other whole child practices grounded in the science of learning and development
- Plan retreats and other team-building activities to strengthen relationships among staff
- Ensure there is expertise within the district to provide coaching and support

## Planning for and purchasing TECHNOLOGY, supplies, and materials
- Purchase devices and expand connectivity for students in hybrid or distance learning
- Purchase instructional technology and tools, including formative and diagnostic assessments and online learning programs
- Create or purchase student, staff, and parent survey instruments
- Purchase culturally relevant books for school libraries
- Purchase play equipment for recess & outdoor education, art supplies, & other materials to support whole child engagement
Leveraging Education Resources to Accelerate Learning in Response to COVID-19

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Topics

- Once in a lifetime federal investment in education
- Opportunities and challenges
- Potential strategies
An Unparalleled Investment in Education and Child Care

Total COVID-related funding: $348 billion

ARP K-12 education funding: $130 billion
Biggest federal public investment in our lifetime

* The NCES data table used to generate this chart only contains data for selected decades until 1989-90.
** CARES, CRRSA, and ARP ESSER Funds are one-time funds.
When do you need to spend the money?

**CARES**
Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act
- March 2020
- September 2021
- September 2022
- Funding is obligated to be spent by this date

**CRRSA**
Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations aid package
- December 2020
- September 2022
- September 2023

**ARP**
American Rescue Plan
- March 2021
- September 2023
- September 2024
- Under the Tydings Amendment, you can apply for a one-year extension
California LEAs will receive over $28 billion in state and federal one-time funding.

In addition to federal funding, California passed AB 86 ($2B to support in-person instruction) and ($4.6B for learning recovery; must be spent by August 31, 2022):

- Expanded learning
- Learning supports
- Integrated pupil supports
- Community learning hubs
- Support to help credit deficient pupils graduate
- Additional academic services
- Training for school staff
Opportunities and Challenges

- The needs in the system are great
- Short-term interventions and longer-term structural improvements are needed
- Plans are due soon, but there’s flexibility to adjust your plans in the future
- One-time funding can create a fiscal cliff if used for ongoing spending with no end date
- The economic forecast is uncertain
We are so anxious to get back to normal that we have forgotten that normal wasn’t good enough for our lowest-performing students.
Potential Strategies
Streamline the Planning Process

• To the degree possible, streamline the creation of these plans, e.g., by:
  • making sure that staff in charge of each plan are working together.
  • if appropriate and allowed, using the same stakeholder engagement sessions to inform both plans.

• Align investment plans with existing improvement efforts.

• Ensure the rationale for your LEA’s investments and strategies are grounded in data.
“Ramp Up, Ramp Down”
Unpacking Time and Sequence of Fund Use

- **Ramp Up:** Assess needs, construct plan, make initial allocations

- **Ramp Down:** Measure capacity increase, follow wind-down plan
Focus on Moving the Big Rocks

• Making up for lost instructional time
• Providing enrichment and emotional support
• Expanding technology capabilities
• Building new and safer facilities
• Improving special education services
Funds for local post-COVID recovery are drawn through many different sources.

**Federal**
- Department of Education
- Department of Health & Human Services
- Department of Agriculture

**State**
- Department of Education
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Healthcare Services
- Public Health
- Colleges (UC, CSU, Community Colleges)

**Local**
- School District Partners
- Schools Superintendent
- First 5 Fresno / ECE Providers
- Department of Behavioral Health
- Department of Public Health
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Local Government
- Public Colleges & Universities

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**Fresno County Cradle to Career**
Has been able to provide pandemic support including Food Distribution, Early Childhood Education, and Community Public Health Supports (Testing, Contact Tracing, Education) through funding from multiple sources.

**Sources:**
- ESSER — Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund
- CDBG — Child Care & Development Block Grant (via the CARES act)
- CRF — Coronavirus Relief Funds (via the CARES act)
- HEER — Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (via the CARES act)
Use of One-Time Funds

Use of one-time funds for staff (adapting the Cardinal Rule of school finance)

- Recruit retiring/aspiring teachers for OST tutoring
- Microgrants to community organizations

Planning for sustainability in the use of one-time funds

- Infrastructure investments
- Early interventions
- Invest in capacity building
- Build partnerships with other local child-serving agencies
Communicate the Importance and Value of these Funds

- Measure, document, and disseminate the good use of taxpayer resources
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Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
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Expanded Learning Opportunities
1. Extending Instructional Learning
2. Accelerating Progress to Close Learning Gaps
3. Integrate Student Supports to Address Other Barriers to Learning
4. Community Learning Hubs for Access to Technology
5. Support for Credit Deficient Students
6. Additional Academic Services for Students
7. Training for School Staff on Strategies

Tips for successful initiatives
1. Prioritize Your Needs
   • Based on Student Data
   • Demographic Information
   • Facility Needs and Capacity
   • Alignment with LCAP and Strategic Plans
   • Effective Cabinet and Extended Cabinet Meetings
2. Collaborate with Community, Business and Employee Group Partners
3. Reconcile Budgets
4. Identify Necessary PD for Staff
Dr. John Puglisi
Superintendent
Rio SD
5200+ Students enrolled
Expanded Learning Opportunities

1. Literacy Support Team
2. Summer Academies
3. Summer Literacy Support
4. Summer Reading Initiatives
5. Connect, Learn, Grows

Tips for successful initiatives

• Connect, Engage to learn, Improve Learning
• Flexibility
• Innovation
• Human-Computer-Human Dynamics
  • Building Relationships with
  • Children as Learners and Readers
Paul Wallace
Trustee
Newman-Crows Landing USD
3,200 ADA
Expanded Learning Opportunities

- Adding Staff
- Certificated Teachers
- Tutoring after School
- Intervention Specialist
- Reduce SDC Class Size
- Classified staff hours
- Mental Health Support
  - Trauma Informed Skills
- Parent Outreach
- Additional Clinicians
- Late Bus
- New Programs
- Professional Development
- Summer Camps

Tips for successful initiatives

- Let LCAP Guide
- Individualized
- Math and Writing
- Student Support First
- Honor Your Staff
- Systemic Student Needs

About Newman-Crows Landing USD:
4 Elementary sites, 1 Middle School, 1 High School, 1 Alt Ed campus
About 80% Unduplicated, English Language Learners, Socio Economically Disadvantaged
Robert Garcia
Trustee
Jurupa USD
18,613 ADA
Expanded Learning Opportunities

- Technology
- Professional Development
- Relationships
- LEAP (Learning Engages All Possibilities)
Jeff Harris
Superintendent
Del Norte County USD
3,300 ADA (USD)
4,300 ADA (COE)
Expanded Learning Opportunities

- Expansion of counseling
- Increase after school programs
- Summer of Fun- highly engaging academic program
- Training students, families, and staff in SEL
- Attendance Supports
- Addressing class sizes and combination classes
- Reading support and intervention for 3-6
- Credit Recovery & Acceleration
- Flexing learning opportunities

Tips for successful initiatives

- Create coordinating, coherent plans
- Focus on building relationships
- Budget appropriately- coordinate funds
- Ensure opportunities for intervention and acceleration
- Incorporate social emotional learning
- Make programs high interest
- Extend the day, as possible
- Think sustainability
- Use this as an opportunity to rethink systems
Questions?
Learn more

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csba.org/summerlearning
Thank you
Additional Resources
Re-engagement Resources

A Tiered Approach to Ensuring Students are Present, Engaged, and Supported in the 2020–21 School Year

INTRODUCTION
As schools begin this fall, educators across California are examining how they can promote students showing up for class, whether instruction is offered remotely or in person. In our previous PACE commentary, we made recommendations for expanding the metrics used to monitor daily attendance and participation in distance learning. In this commentary, we make recommendations for how educators can respond to student attendance data to ensure students get the support they need to be present and engaged in learning.

ABSENCES SIGNAL THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS
When students miss school, it is a sign that positive conditions of learning (physical and emotional health and safety, a sense of belonging, an affirming environment, connection and support, academic challenge and engagement, and adults...
Go back to the homepage of the Reimagine and Rebuild Project.
## Center relationships

Prioritize building and nurturing relationships of mutual support and high expectations among students, families, and educators.

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<td>• Center for Restorative Process <a href="#">ideas for circles that help build trust, positive feelings, and a sense of belonging within the classroom community</a></td>
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• SAMHSA Ready, Set, Go: Screening for Behavioral Health Risk in Schools  
• PACE policy brief Evidence-Based Practices for Assessing Students’ Social and Emotional Well-Being                                                                 |
| Assess student learning and review data on attendance, engagement, grades, and stakeholder perceptions about school conditions and climate. | • Pivot Learning and UnboundEd Equity Reset Toolkit, resources for creating a data-driven equitable education recovery plan  
• Center on Reinventing Public Education (CRPE) report Learning as We Go: Principles for Effective Assessment During the COVID-19 Pandemic  
• California School Conditions and Climate Work Group Recommendation Framework  
• Attendance Works Pathways to Engagement: A Toolkit for Covid-19 Recovery Through Attendance                                                                 |
| Create an action plan to meet the individualized whole-child needs of every student. | • California MTSS resources  
• California College Guidance Initiative                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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<td>Provide mental health supports.</td>
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<td>• Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) <a href="https://www.samhsa.gov/about-us/center-for-medical-service/students-schools">School Mental Health Referral Pathways Toolkit</a></td>
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<td>Staff up to support student reengagement.</td>
<td>• Alameda County Health Care Services Agency's Center for Healthy Schools and Communities' <a href="https://www.alamedacounty.org/healthcare/services/schools-and-communities">Coordination of Services Team Guide</a></td>
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# Make teaching & learning relevant & rigorous

Support educators to prioritize equity; racial, cultural, and linguistic relevance; rigor; and the most essential standards in curriculum and instruction.

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| Advance racial equity in curriculum. | - EdReports on educator-reviewed curriculum materials  
- NYU Metro Center Culturally Responsive Curriculum Scorecards, designed to help stakeholders determine the extent to which curricula are culturally responsive  
- Anti-Defamation League (ADL) collection of children's and YA books about identity, diversity, bias, and social justice |
| Advance racial equity in teaching. | - Learning for Justice professional learning workshops  
- New America Culturally Responsive Teaching: A Reflection Guide  
- Anti-Defamation League Anti-Bias Tools & Strategies  
- The Education Trust–West and other California partners' A Pathway to Equitable Math Instruction, resources and guidance to support Black, LatinX, and multilingual students to thrive in grades 6–8 |
| Offer students choice and voice in their learning. | - Learning for Justice lesson on pandemic pedagogy and teaching about race and ethnicity and bias  
- Students at the Center report Motivation, Engagement, and Student Voice |
| Focus on priority standards and lessons to support student learning. | - Teaching Lab Accelerating Learning when Students Return to School  
- Rennie Center Accessing Grade-Level Content Action Guide  
- Carnegie Corporation How to Accelerate Learning  
- Achieve the Core Priority Instructional Content in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics |

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Empower teams to reimagine & rebuild systems
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  - California School-Based Health Alliance *Restorative, Trauma Informed Schoolwide Assessment*
  - CASEL SEL Roadmap: *Actions for a Successful Second Semester* |

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