

# **SMALL DISTRICTS BIG CHALLENGES**

***DISTANCE LEARNING AND REOPENING SCHOOLS  
FOR SMALL DISTRICTS AND COUNTY OFFICES***

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# TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

## ➤ **Student achievement**

- Distance learning (access to technology/teacher training)
- Equity and accountability (mitigating learning loss/ interventions for high-need students/learning continuity plans)

## ➤ **Operations**

- Health and safety (PPE/sanitation/social distancing/testing)
- Scheduling (changes to school year, new instructional models)
- Services (transportation, nutrition, childcare)

## ➤ **Community Relations**

- Family and community engagement
- Labor/Mgmt. relations (MOUs/bargaining/hiring/reassignments)

# TODAY'S PRESENTERS

- **Vernon M. Billy:** (Introduction) *CSBA CEO & Executive Director*
- **Troy Flint:** (Moderator) *Chief Information Officer, CSBA*
- **Craig DeLuz:** *Trustee, Robla SD*
- **John Gordon:** *Trustee, Galt Joint Union ESD*
- **Kathy Spate:** *Trustee, Caruthers USD*
- **Mike Walsh:** *Trustee, Butte COE*
- **Abigail Solis:** *Trustee, Earlimart ESD*

# STATE & FEDERAL SUPPORT



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- From an education perspective, what is your opinion on the state and federal response to COVID-19? Has it been geared toward the needs of small LEAs?

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



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- What challenges are you experiencing as you prepare for distance learning? How do your challenges differ from those of larger districts?
- Where could you use assistance in implementing distance learning models? As a small district, do you have the necessary resources?

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- How are you facilitating effective instruction by supporting teachers in the transition to distance learning?

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- What measures is your district or COE taking to mitigate learning loss overall?
- What special interventions have you planned to support high-need students?

# SERVICES & OPERATIONS



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- As a small LEA, how are you stocked for PPE? How have you obtained supplies and do you expect to have sufficient inventory?
- How is your district/COE addressing social distancing and screening/testing?
- What is your LEA's approach to cleaning and sanitation during the pandemic?

# SERVICES & OPERATIONS

- COVID-19 has highlighted the role schools play beyond teaching and learning. How is your district/COE addressing key programs like transportation, nutrition services, and childcare?

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- Has your district considered new instructional models like cohort or hybrid approaches?
- Are you contemplating a delayed start to the school year, a longer school year, universal summer school or other adjustments for the 2020-21 school year?

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



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- How did you involve stakeholders in your school opening decision-making process?
- How have you engaged your labor unions and how has your relationship been as you've pursued MOUs or other agreements?
- What level of communication have you had with local, county, and state agencies – especially your county health officer?

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Do you have a plan for maintaining community engagement as the pandemic evolves and guidance changes?
- How did you communicate your decision to students, parents, caregivers, staff, and community-based organizations?

# QUESTIONS

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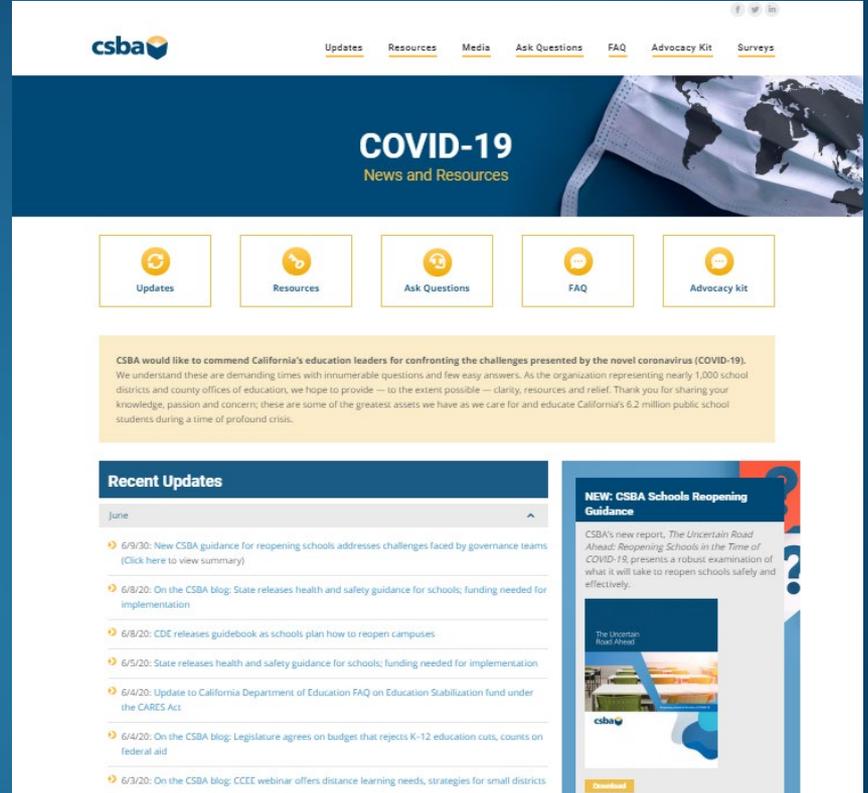
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CSBA would like to commend California's education leaders for confronting the challenges presented by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). We understand these are demanding times with innumerable questions and few easy answers. As the organization representing nearly 1,000 school districts and county offices of education, we hope to provide — to the extent possible — clarity, resources and relief. Thank you for sharing your knowledge, passion and concern; these are some of the greatest assets we have as we care for and educate California's 6.2 million public school students during a time of profound crisis.

### Recent Updates

June

- 6/9/20: New CSBA guidance for reopening schools addresses challenges faced by governance teams (Click here to view summary)
- 6/8/20: On the CSBA blog: State releases health and safety guidance for schools; funding needed for implementation
- 6/8/20: CDE releases guidebook as schools plan how to reopen campuses
- 6/5/20: State releases health and safety guidance for schools; funding needed for implementation
- 6/4/20: Update to California Department of Education FAQ on Education Stabilization fund under the CARES Act
- 6/4/20: On the CSBA blog: Legislature agrees on budget that rejects K-12 education cuts, counts on federal aid
- 6/3/20: On the CSBA blog: CCEE webinar offers distance learning needs, strategies for small districts

### NEW: CSBA Schools Reopening Guidance

CSBA's new report, *The Uncertain Road Ahead: Reopening Schools in the Time of COVID-19* presents a robust examination of what it will take to reopen schools safely and effectively.



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# UPCOMING WEBINARS

## Strengthening the K-12 STEM Teacher Pipeline in California

➤ **August 6, 2020 2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.**

This webinar will discuss some short and long-term strategies LEAs can use to increase the recruitment and retention of STEM teachers. We will highlight some successful in-state and out-of-state programs that seek to grow their own teacher pipelines. Finally, we will provide some questions board members can ask to address shortages within their LEA.

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