



Small School Districts' Association

Founded in 2008 by two teachers, [BetterLesson's](#) mission is to support every school leader and teacher to develop student-centered learning environments where every student succeeds, today and in the future that awaits them. Since our founding over 12 years ago, we've been innovating flexible professional learning ecosystems for educators which includes: [one-on-one coaching over video conference](#); [collaborative virtual workshops](#); an [online library of research-backed, student-centered, flexible instructional strategies](#); and a [digital portfolio for educators to track growth](#).

### Reimagining Summer School

Summer School presents our students with the potential to [accelerate their growth](#) and connect the school years they just left and are about to embark on. Despite great efforts in the past, most summer schools produce only modest gains that are largely erased by the school years' start, especially for students of color. Low attendance and time for planning are also major factors in summer school success. However, we believe that engaging in summer learning can help students, especially after the trauma and gaps of the COVID era, if we reimagine its overall purpose.

We can help you focus on the following areas for reimagining summer learning to include the following workshops:

1. Embedding Practices like [PBL](#) and [SEL](#) into Summer School Experiences
2. [Teacher Retention and Innovation](#)
3. [Quality Curriculum](#)
4. [Flexible Learning Practices](#)
5. [Equity - Responsible and Inclusive Practices](#)

[Take a tour of our FREE Lessons](#)

Sample coaching videos: [Video #1](#); [Video #2](#), [Video #3](#)

[Guide: Meeting Students Where They Are \(Strategies that Increase Engagement\)](#)

[Flexible Learning Catalog and Plan](#)

[BoardDocs](#) honors the tremendous efforts of all our school district and school board partners as you work to move beyond the many challenges brought about by the COVID pandemic.

While BoardDocs is not a solution to directly address learning loss, we know that a well-functioning board can streamline processes, conduct more efficient and informed meetings, and improve transparency for your community stakeholders. All of this can help boards to optimize the important decisions you are making on behalf of students. The BoardDocs suite of board management solutions for K12 school districts provide the essential tools for modern meeting management, including livestream meeting integration, voting, committee management and policy publishing.

BoardDocs may be an eligible expenditure for your recovery funds. A board portal helps districts to maintain operations and continuity of educational services.

## Summer School & Other Resources from Our Associate Members

Let us show you how the leading governance management solution for education can help your board reduce the overhead of meeting preparation and execution, keeping your focus on the important decisions that improve outcomes for students.

BoardDocs is a proud partner of SSDA, and SSDA members are entitled to exclusive benefits and pricing. Visit [learn.diligent.com/SSDA](https://learn.diligent.com/SSDA) to request information.

### [Edmentum](#) has Learning Loss Solutions for CA School Districts!

Edmentum empowers educators to transform their approach and build a school around the needs of each individual student. We provide adaptive curriculum, research-based assessments, and holistic educational services to make personalized learning an achievable reality in every classroom.

[Exact Path](#) offers adaptive diagnostic assessments combined with engaging instruction in the form of individualized learning paths to promote statistically significant growth in K-12 reading, language arts, and math.

[Study Island](#) makes instruction more effective, improve mastery and retention, and boost student achievement with K-12 standards-based formative assessments, ongoing practice, and embedded state test preparation for math, ELA, science, and social studies.

[Courseware](#) offers a robust collection of interactive and rigorous courses aligned to California Core and national standards, including core subjects, Advanced Placement®, CTE, electives, world languages, and test prep courses. Flexible digital curriculum to promote student agency, engagement, and success. (Over 230 a-g approved courses).

### Special new customer exclusive offer to SSDA members: 20% off in addition to student volume discounts!

For more information, please contact your California Solutions Consultant: **Sandy Cecere** *Email:* [sandy.cecere@edmentum.com](mailto:sandy.cecere@edmentum.com)

*Office:* (1-800-447-5286 Ext: 3808)

Schedule a 15-minute meeting with Sandy to discuss these offerings in more detail: <https://calendly.com/sandy-cecere/15min>

With a heritage of over 159 years, [Equitable](#) understands the challenges in preparing for retirement and is committed to helping individuals through every stage of life. Whether beginning their career, changing jobs, or nearing retirement, our clients can count on us to help them toward their savings goals. Acknowledging that everyone's retirement savings needs are unique, we offer customized education programs and product plans to suit all investor types. With an Equitable 403(b) or 457 plan, which is like a 401(k) for educators, teachers can supplement their pension with tax-deferred contributions from their salaries.

We understand that with all of the challenges the pandemic has brought, it may not have always been top of mind to review your financial wellness, but we are here to help with that, please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions or just want to review any of the following:

- CALSTRS/CALPERS Pension estimates

- 403(b)/457/401(k) Retirement
- Retirement Incentive Options
- Previous or Existing Retirement Plans
- College Funding
- Life Insurance & Long-Term Care Insurance
- CARES Act (How it affects student loans and taxes)
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness
- Other Investment Strategies

Website: <https://www.cak12retirement.com/>

#### **Houghton Mifflin Harcourt**

Here is a list of programs we offer:

##### [iRead \(Grades K-2\)](#)

- Provides foundational skills to support
- Adaptive Technology to personalize learning
- Initial placement and ongoing assessment

##### [Amira \(Grades K-3\)](#)

- 1:1 reading coaching
- AI technology- listens to students read and detect oral reading errors
- Personalized tutor and practice

##### [Waggle \(Grades 3-8\)](#)

- ELD supports, SEL Framework
- Measures students' understanding during practice
- Personalized learning

##### [Read 180/System 44 \(Grades 4-12\)](#)

- 20-90 minute lessons
- Whole group and Small group
- In-person or remote learning
- Develop fluency, vocabulary, writing and academic language

##### [Math 180 \(Grades 5-12\)](#)

- 4-6 Week Implementation
- Comprehensive and robust suite of assessment tools
- Differentiated Instruction
- In-person or remote learning

#### **SCHOOLS FOR HEALTHY LEARNING**

**MeTEOR** is 100% committed to the safety and well-being of our schools and children. We stand ready with the latest research and classroom designs that will help you reopen your school and promote healthy learning. Check out the below link to find out how to reopen healthy schools.

<https://meteoreducation.com/reopenschools/>

**M Pollard Educational Solutions** has partnered with several publishers to provide quality curriculum and exceptional service to our small schools. Learning Without Tears - Arts Attack - NSTA - Rose Classroom - Steps to Literacy. Visit our website [www.MP-ES.com](http://www.MP-ES.com) or give us a call. 916.799.8703

#### **Multiple Measures completes your picture of student learning and achievement.**

We:

- **Transform** all your student assessment data into meaningful insights using an amazing turnkey tracking system that easily lets you manipulate, explore and reshape all your assessment data within your classroom, school and district into pre-built and custom visu-

alizations of student assessment results.

- **Streamline** the process of using all your data, then **Deliver** graphic detail, including SEL assessments and parent/student/staff LCAP surveys, to improve learning and achievement.
- **Partner** with you to allow you to **Enjoy** the beauty and simplicity of expertly designed data visuals, specific to your needs, with meaningful insights informing instructional strategies for student groups and subgroups. All tests. All stakeholders. Delivered.
- **Use easy-to-understand narratives**, and multi-year analysis, so that a compelling story about your district and/or schools unfolds - for student growth, stakeholder progress reports, key compliance documents, LCAP development.
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#### **NutriStudents K-12 Supports Summer Meal Service**

Schools have helped address heightened food insecurity during COVID-19 and the need will continue this summer. Summer meals are easy to offer thanks to [USDA's emergency waivers](#). A low-cost subscription to NutriStudents K-12, which is an eligible for multiple Coronavirus Stimulus funds, can further simplify summer meal programs and support foodservice operations in SY21/22.

Summer meal support from NutriStudents K-12 include:

- [Free Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option menus](#), no subscription needed, with scalable recipes and corresponding compliance reports.
- [Free grocery menus](#), for SFSP operators, no subscription needed.
- [Free access to Cafeteria Connection](#), a customizable newsletter to connect your foodservice offering with parents and the community. A new issue is added monthly. The library currently includes 18 issues, several specific to COVID-19 meal service.
- More resources and support are available at <https://MenuFreedom.com/Summer>

A full subscription to NutriStudents K-12 includes 45 kid-tested and approved, USDA-compliant NSLP menu weeks that help increase participation and reduce waste, and productivity tools and professional support to save upwards for 40 hours a week on ordering, reporting, marketing and overall operations.

**While many state and federal K-12 relief funds are also applicable, Proposition 98, GEER and Senate Bill 117 all specifically call out student nutrition as a suggested use of funds.**

Discuss NutriStudents K-12 with your foodservice director today and [set up a system demonstration](#) to see all the ways the NutriStudents K-12 platform can benefit your foodservice program this summer and beyond.

For over 35 years, **PARS** has worked with California school districts to design and implement strategic retirement solutions that address their organizational and budgetary needs. In times of economic uncertainty, PARS has helped hundreds of school districts achieve budget savings and restructure their workforce, often avoiding or reducing the need for layoffs through the PARS Supplementary Retirement Plan (SRP), a customized early retirement incentive program. In order to help your District evaluate whether an SRP/early retirement incentive offering would be beneficial to your District now, PARS can provide you with a no-cost,

comprehensive fiscal analysis. PARS also offers the following programs that will help your District reduce costs and/or liabilities: the Pension Rate Stabilization Program, an IRS-approved trust program to prefund pension and address rising STRS/PERS contribution rates; the OPEB Solutions Program to prefund OPEB/retiree medical liabilities in partnership with CSBA; and a cost-saving alternative to Social Security.

Please visit [www.pars.org](http://www.pars.org) for more information or contact us at (800) 540-6369 ext. 127 or [info@pars.org](mailto:info@pars.org).

The first crew to walk on Mars are in classrooms today. Are they in yours? [PCG](#) is proud to partner with the “Buzz” Aldrin Family Foundation to offer curriculum, during-class or after-school Space Camp programs, and exciting, gigantic maps of Mars and the Moon, complete with interactive, student-designed robot rovers to explore the surface of Mars and the Moon.

Summer is the best time to accelerate learning in these hands-on, project-based STEM programs. Find out more by [visiting us here](#) and contact Dr. Jack McLaughlin @ (775) 313-3121 for more information.

California districts can combat reading and math learning loss in K-8 students with [Pearson’s](#) Summer Smarts courses (including teacher support) or by offering a full K-12 summer school program with either district or Pearson certified instructors. Administrators in the state are using their Proposition 98 supplemental funds and their federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) funds for these summer school solutions. Districts who partner with Pearson for online summer school programs provide flexible, personalized courses for K-12 students.

**Pearson’s online Summer Smarts programs can make up for lost learning in both reading and math for K-8 students.** At the beginning of a Summer Smarts course, students are assessed for placement in the academic continuum. Throughout the summer, students participate in weekly hands-on activities for further engagement in math and reading. Summer Smarts courses can be used for up to nine weeks, depending on the length of your program.

Watch this [two-minute video](#) to learn more about Pearson’s Summer Smarts courses.

**K-12 Students can also explore new interests and build new skills when you offer Pearson’s summer school courses featuring Pearson certified teachers.**

- Original Credit Courses
- High School Credit Recovery Courses
- High School Honors and Advanced Placement Courses
- Elementary and Middle School Courses

A full catalog of K-12 courses is also available for use with your district teachers. Learn more about our full summer school offering [[go.pearson.com/OnlineSummerSchool](http://go.pearson.com/OnlineSummerSchool)]here.

Contact Karla Fabian, Pearson District Partnership Solutions Specialist, to discuss your district options at (210) 683-1989 or [Karla.Fabian@pearson.com](mailto:Karla.Fabian@pearson.com).

### [PresenceLearning](#)

The impact of school closures upon students may well be an issue for years to come. The work ahead is consequential. [A new study](#) from a nonprofit organization estimates that “for approximately 3 million of the most educationally marginalized students in the country, March

[2020] might have been the last time they experienced any formal education—virtual or in-person.” An extended school year may be the right approach. But having students in the school building this summer may be less appealing for them and for school staff members, who have together experienced one of the most challenging years in education’s history.

Schools may instead consider live, online services on a high-quality teletherapy platform to extend their school team during the summer months, provide recovery services, and ensure continuity of services (now and in the future). Chatham County Schools in North Carolina is one of many school teams that has used teletherapy with a significant portion of their students during the pandemic and seen encouraging results. In fact “some students flourished using the [PresenceLearning](#) platform, where they had previously been working more slowly during in-person services,” according to Debbie Daugherty MA-SLP-CCC, lead Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP). The school is now considering the advantages of offering live, online compensatory services during the summer, again using PresenceLearning’s platform and potentially adding support from its clinical network. Parents will have the choice for their children, but there may be benefits in the online format. [Click here](#) to read more.

[Rethink Ed](#) is an educational technology company that is transforming the way teachers and students learn, grow, develop, and succeed in school and in life.

Rethink Ed helps school districts end the struggle to **create healthy, positive cultures of learning** and brings out the best in administrators, teachers, students, and parents. With **evidence-based learning solutions, technology-based tools and resources**, and on-demand video instruction created by a team of educational and clinical experts, Rethink Ed’s platforms are changing the world one student, one teacher, one classroom at a time.

Please feel free to visit, share, and explore Rethink Ed’s California specific toolkits below.

[Rethink Ed -Supporting Parent & Caregiver Social Emotional Learning](#)  
[Rethink Ed – Supporting Administrators with Social Emotional Learning Resources](#)  
[Rethink Ed – ESSER Funding Alignment](#)

### [School Pathways](#)

**Powerful Technology that Delivers Flexible, Personalized Learning**

Learning loss has been a big concern this past year, and having flexible instructional models is one of the best tools to combat that deficit. That was true before, and it’s even more true now with ever-growing interest in virtual and individualized instruction.

Whatever programs you’re looking to run—be it [hybrid, summer school, classroom-based, or one-to-one](#)—our Personalized Learning System (PLS) is uniquely designed to help ease instruction, streamline compliance, and deliver the best learning environment.

Tap into our database of over 5,000 digitized curricular textbooks with project-based lesson plans and state-alignments plus integrations to content providers such as Odysseyware, Apex Learning, and Edgenuity.

Learn more about how hundreds of CA districts and charters maximize their programs with [School Pathways](#).