



Dear School Leaders,

SSDA will be sending you federal, state and any local updates to help you. I will continue to use short bulleted summary get to the bottom-line comments. The other attachments will give you a longer version.

I. Let's focus ON YOU. It is imperative you take care of yourself and be a strong leader—especially now. Few tips for you

1. [Trauma](#) will impact staff and well as students. Prepare for that NOW!
2. [Working from home](#) has its conveniences...but set up some routines. You will tend to roll out of bed, work in pajamas, sweats or Lulus and work nonstop for 12-15 hours. Not recommended!
 - a. Set up routines and work hours.
 - b. Dress however you want but taking a shower and getting ready will help your health and well-being.
 - c. Take a break.
 - d. Eat well. Drink water.
 - e. Go for walk and talks via phone—get your 10,000 steps in if you can.
3. **Don't Let Perfection Get in The Way Of Done.** Do your best; can't be perfect; Get Things Done!
4. Take a few minutes each day to reflect on how you are doing as a leader. Start with this: Highly recommend you watch this great [Brene Brown video](#) to motivate you. ***This is a tragic time—thanks for being there fighting for your students and educational community.***

II. State and Federal Updates

- The Executive Directors of ACSA, CSBA, CSSESA, SSDA and Capital Advisors are meeting via phone each evening with the Governor's top staff to review issues. You will get summary of pertinent information from those meetings.
- At the federal level there continues to be increased deployment of tests. Federal legislation is coming together to add billions to relief for individuals, businesses and schools. There is a request to have no more than 10 people at a social gathering and new guidelines to stop the virus over next 15 days.
- The Governor [released new SSPI guidance](#) from CDE on distance learning, special education, student meals, support for family's care/needs etc. CDE is hosting a webinar tomorrow at 10:00 am to summarize and answer questions about the new guidance. [Sign in here](#)
- Shelter in place now in 9 Counties— San Francisco, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Marin, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Cruz and now Sonoma. Yolo and Sacramento are on recommended not mandated

- ***There are many districts doing amazing things to provide food to students. Here are some examples of creative ideas:***
 - ✓ ***Nevada Joint Union is providing 4 breakfasts and lunches to students under 18 so they have multiple days of food. Cuts interactions.***
 - ✓ ***Grab n Go breakfast for those in town and lunch to bus stops in the am for those that are bus riders.***
 - ✓ ***Grab and go Breakfast and Lunch.***
 - ✓ ***K-8 districts feeding all students; including high school students.***

- Here is a summary of SB/AB 117 that will help you with funding (text is attached document).

SB 117 contains changes for education programs that ensure local educational agencies continue to receive funding during the COVID-19 emergency and allow for flexibility for local educational agencies to continue to provide educational options to their students.

- 1) This section would ensure that local educational agencies continue to receive funding for the school year, regardless of the closure of schools in response to COVID-19.
- 2) Waives the requirements in education code for instructional days and minutes for local educational agencies during a school closure that is in response to COVID-19.
- 3) Specifies that charter schools that do not currently have an independent study program or distance learning program in their currently approved petition shall not be required to submit a material revision to its authorizer in order to offer those types of programs in response to closure due to COVID-19.
- 4) This provision ensures that grantees running after school programs do not lose funding due to COVID-19 closures.
- 5) Provides that attendance and reporting requirement for payment for child care and development programs, including California State Preschool, General Child Care, CalWORKS child care, and Alternative Payment Programs, are waived for agencies.
- 6) Specifies that for the 2019-20 school year, the testing window for the English language proficiency assessment required by statute is extended by 45 days and the testing window for all other assessments, including the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress assessments required under statute is extended by the length of the school closure due to COVID-19 or the end of the state's testing window, whichever comes first.
- 7) Specifies that timelines for the Uniform Complaint Procedures are extended by the length of a school's closure due to COVID-19.
- 8) Does not affect federal Individual with Disabilities Education Act requirements.
- 9) ***Provides \$100 million in one-time Proposition 98 General fund to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to apportion to local educational agencies on the basis of average daily attendance for classroom-based education programs, with a minimum of \$250 per school site. These funds may be used for purchasing personal protective equipment or for supplies and labor costs of cleaning school sites.***

III. SSDA Events Update

If you have questions or need support, please call or email us.

Please stay safe and healthy out there!

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