

Update #5 March 18th

1. **SSDA Trainings:** We will begin partnering with agencies to provide you with free or reduced cost trainings. This is a great opportunity for you to provide Professional Development for your staff while they are at home or in the office.

Please let me know Corrie know if you have other needs or ideas for trainings.

- a. **Tips for Working From Home:** Executive Assistants, CBO's, District Staff and fun. Free, fun, and informative webinar brought to you by SSDA. This will be five speakers who will give you five Golden Rules for working at home. Date and time TBD, but we are shooting for Tuesday, March 24th. Registration link coming soon!
- b. **SPRING CUE.** The [Spring CUE conference](#) has moved to a full on line platform for you! **They have created a two-week online training for administrators, teachers, paraeducators. Your staff will be provided some of the top Ed Tech gurus in the country and in the trench staff from throughout California.**
- c. **Para Educators.** SSDA and PCG are pleased to announce the **2020 Paraprofessional Academy**. The Academy includes online, self-paced workshops combined with a series of webinars for your Paras on the following topics:
 - Strategies to Support Instruction in the Classroom
 - Strategies to Provide Classroom Behavior Support
 - Fundamentals of Classroom Management
 - Elements of Differentiated Instruction
 - Universal Design for English Language Learners
 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Essentials

Total time is 15 hours. Participants can earn one CEU, if desired. Our Webinars will be led by Dr. Kent Gerlach, the nation's expert in Paraprofessional job-embedded practices.

[Please visit us here](#) to reserve your spaces today. Please call Dr. Jack McLaughlin @ (775) 313-3121 with questions.

2. State Updates

- a. Attached are very quick notes regarding Tony Thurmond's webinar on new guidelines.
- b. Governor has alerted the National Guard to get ready to support communities.
- c. CDE is working on suspending all state testing.
- d. CDE is waiting for more guidance on Special Education services from the Federal Government.
- e. ACSA, CSSESA, SSDA, CSBA and CASBO are working on eliminating the LCAP and other mandated requirements.

3. Federal Updates

- a. Attached are the updates from the Federal Government
- b. The President has provided \$100 million to US Department of Education to help schools with COVID-19 costs.
- c. The White House is quickly expanding testing, supplies and support as EVERY state now has the virus.

Get some rest tonight and keep up the great leadership!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy J. Taylor".

Tim Taylor
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