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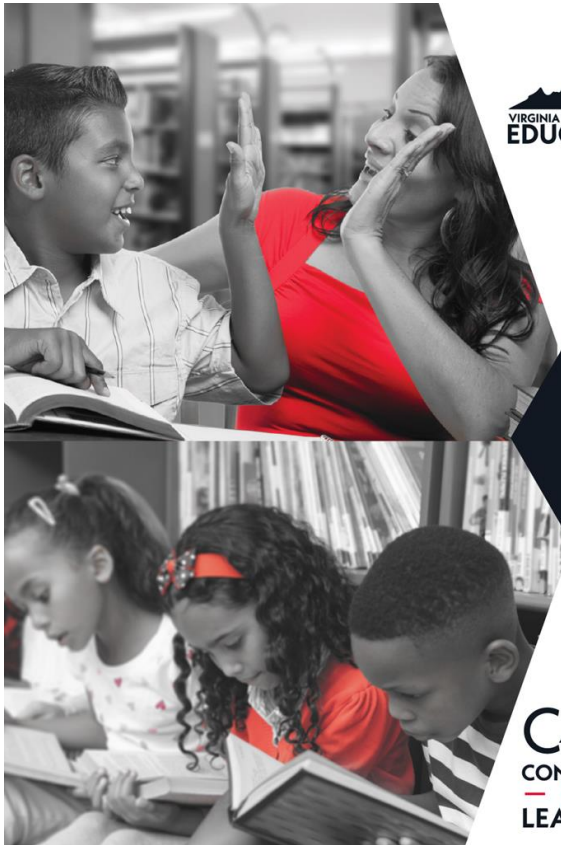
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Presentation to
First Cities

COVID-19 and PreK - 12 Education



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A report and recommendations
from Virginia's educators on the
Continuity for Learning (C4L)
Task Force



March 23 - Governor Northam ordered the closure of all PreK-12 schools for the academic year

PreK - 12 Waivers, Guidance and Budget Impacts:

- VDOE FAQs
- C4L (Continuity for Learning) Task Force convened and report issued to support educators
- Graduation Requirement Flexibility & Guidance
- Recovery and Accreditation Task Forces
- Federal Assessment Waivers
- State budget implications and flexibility



Emergency Federal Funds - ESSER

There are 2 major federal emergency funds now available from the CARES Act for PreK-12.

[Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief Fund](#) (ESSER Fund)

- [\\$238M](#) for Virginia
- 90% to local school divisions based on the Title I, Part A formula
- 10% can be used by the VDOE for coronavirus related agency needs and statewide responses



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Emergency Federal Funds - GEER

Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER Fund)

- \$66M for Virginia
- Incredibly flexible block grant that can be dispensed at the Governor's discretion to support early childhood, PreK-12 and higher education.
- Application due from Governor's office by June 1 - still under consideration by the Governor



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Re-Opening Virginia's Schools

Phased reopening of in-person instruction under consideration as public health situation evolves.

Return to School Recovery Task Force

- State Superintendent convened Recovery Task Force with school leaders from across the Commonwealth
- Subcommittee looked specifically at operational considerations for reopening
- Report presented to Secretary Qarni's COVID-19 Education Workgroup
- Consultation is ongoing with state public health officials



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