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Virtual Learning
During the Pandemic:
Top Takeaways for the Future
Providing Leadership in Online Learning Since 2009

- ACCESS
- Colorado Digital Learning Solutions
- Georgia Virtual
- Idaho Digital Learning Alliance
- Illinois Virtual School
- Indiana Online
- Michigan Virtual
- Montana Digital Academy
- Nevada Learning Academy
- NC Virtual
- North Dakota CDL
- VHS Learning
- Virtual Arkansas
- Virtual SC
- Virtual Virginia
- Wisconsin eSchool Network
- Wisconsin Virtual School

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Embracing a New Educational Landscape

https://nsqol.org
Instructional Approaches

Takeaways benefiting kids during the Pandemic

- Start where you are and use the power of collective knowledge and growth
- Importance of building relationships
- Technology can help differentiate and personalize learning
- Include student voice in building the foundations
Instructional Approaches

Takeaways benefiting kids during the Pandemic

• Equitable access to quality learning opportunities (internet accessibility, working devices, content and curriculum, child care) is imperative

• We need systems that support the whole child
Professional Learning

Recommendations for Preparing Instructors for the Future

• New Teacher training timelines and models
  • Rethinking what is most important
  • Teacher and Principal health and wellness
• Addition of coaching and mentoring support
  • Shift from standby as needed to embedded
• Future direction
  • New Principal PD (development underway)
  • Grow Instructional Coach model
Professional Learning
Recommendations for Preparing Instructors for the Future

- Microcredentials as method to track and expand professional learning opportunities
  - NSQ in machine readable format
  - Digital Learning Days
  - Effective Online Teaching course alignment
- Use of a portal or friendly assessment to identify skills gaps - aligned to the NSQ Online
  - https://nsq.2gno.me - free NSQ aligned professional learning resource
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After basic needs are met...

Helping Educators Deal with Pandemic-Related Challenges

• Challenges to Opportunities & Making Long-Term Change Stick
• Gaps in Learning - Basic math and English concepts
• Transition MS->HS, HS->College/Career, Standardized Test Prep
• Individualized Needs
• Irregular and/or Alternative Modes of Access
• Structured Planning and Iteration vs. Emergency Response
Leadership

Thoughts for Enhancing Learning Opportunities for the Future

● Determining options and purposeful planning for implementing remote teaching, blended and online learning
  ○ How well did the remote learning “program” we provided this year work?
  ○ Were we satisfied with student achievement and outcomes?
  ○ Did our experience help shape where we are headed?
  ○ Is our thinking changing?
  ○ What is the best option for learning for our whole school family - students, teachers and parents?
Leadership

Thoughts for Enhancing Learning Opportunities for the Future

Areas of continued progress and concern

- CTE and vocational programming
- Equity of access
- Home life
- Student safety
Communication

Tips for Transparent and Effective Communication

• Transparency and frequent communications are critical, even when answer is “I don’t know”

• School administrators must think like a PR firm
  • Positivity and clarity
  • Share message 4-6 times before it sinks in

• Track engagement with various communications to ensure messages are being read.
Communication

**Tips for Transparent and Effective Communication**

- Parental Communication
  - Leadership open to communication with parents
  - Support parents as successful local supports
    - How-to documents, tipsheets, FAQs, organizers, etc.
  - Boundary setting and guidelines for how to seek help
  - Clear expectations and support for faculty

- Recognition of increased email load and different role educators take on
Special thanks to our presenters

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