

Webinar:

What Helpful Legislative/Regulatory Suspensions
and Support has Your State Undertaken?

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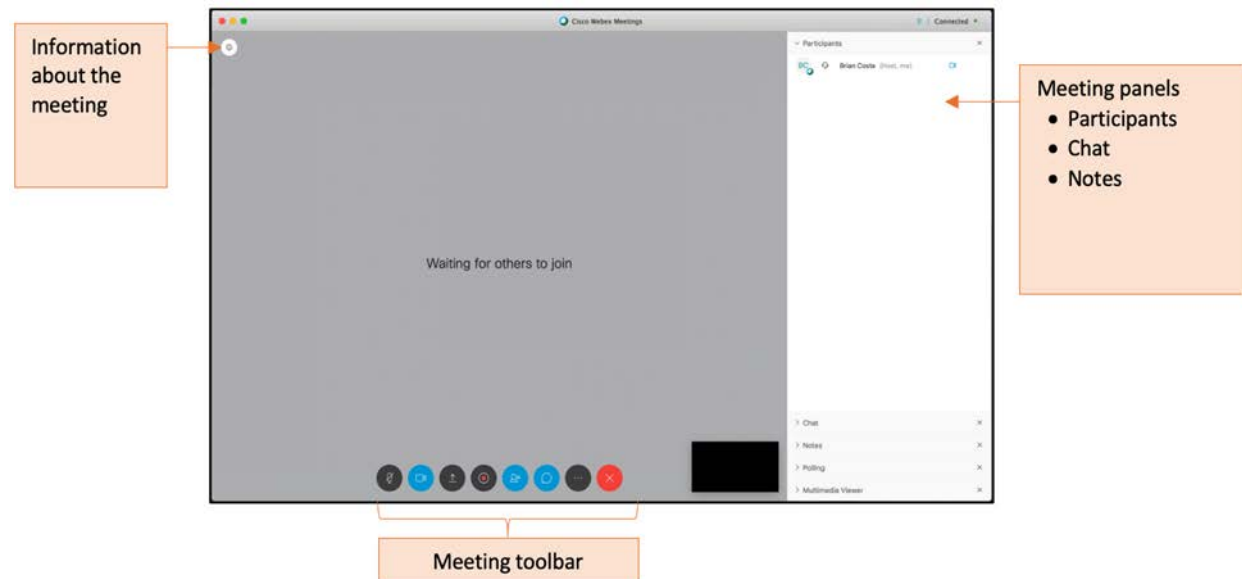


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California Actions



Executive Order 26-20:

California Statewide Emergency

Authorizes school closures and continues state funding during closure –

- Schools to the extent feasible should continue delivering high quality educational opportunities including distance learning and/or independent study;
- Provide school meals for FRPM eligible students;
- Continue to pay school’s employees;
- Directs Department of Education to issue guidance on:
 - o Distance learning strategies addressing equity issues;
 - o Special education;
 - o Provision of meals.

Executive Order 56-20:

Extends deadline for submittal of local accountability plans if school prepares public notice of how it is addressing COVID issues.

SB 117

Legislature and Department of Education authorized use of attendance at last count to fund schools throughout the rest of the year.





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Youth **T**ransitions
Task Force

Boston COVID-19 Update

- Stay-at-home measures in place through **May 18**, per Governor's order
- Inter-disciplinary commission developing phased opening plan
- Measures suspending eviction & foreclosure
- School closed through end of June per Governor's order



- **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** seeking input of multiple stakeholders in developing guidance for local districts
- DESE Guidance around remote learning emphasizes the need
 - to assist students with needs,
 - to be non-punitive around attendance and credit
 - to provide students with varied activities for half of a school day: [link to guidance](#)
 - combine different modalities of school work





- GED test stopped, but DESE considering offering it remotely
- Eased application requirements for Unemployment Insurance Claims



PANDEMIC
UNEMPLOYMENT
ASSISTANCE



BOSTON RESILIENCY FUND

Free Breakfast & Lunch Meal Sites

- The [Boston Resiliency Fund](#): **\$31m** to support food pantries, remote learning technology and first responders
- BPS and the City providing food for students and families daily at multiple locations throughout Boston
- **Underfed Pandemic EBT**: All BPS families will receive \$5.70 each eligible child each day for every day school is closed due to the pandemic, which comes to \$28.50 a week
- BPS, Bunker Hill, and local workforce and education programs are providing free Chromebooks and hotspots—BPS has given out **30,000** Chrome Books and **2,400** hotspots to students



BPS Office Of **Equity**



- BPS convening weekly Equity Roundtables to inform parent reps and partners and test ideas BPS leadership coordinating more closely with all departments and with partners
- BPS developed [flexible attendance policy](#) and is working to develop a non-punitive promotion policy
- A restart of referral and placement of dropouts and off-track students into BPS alternative programs through Re-Engagement Center
- Boston Public Library providing free remote homework help

City and Summer Jobs



- Mayor committed to providing around **8,000** summer youth jobs, mostly remote
- Special summer jobs programming for system-involved youth
- The BPS and the PIC planning for alternative education work and learning summer program
 - Credit & skills recovery in the morning
 - Remote work and career exploration projects in the afternoon
- The Mayor's Office of Workforce Development hiring BPS teachers to provide extra supervision for city funded summer jobs sites





- OWD letting grantees change contracts to cover Covid-19-related emergencies
- OWD gave \$70,000 Tuition Free Community College funds to colleges to give students **\$250** each in cash
- OWD redirected Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds for WIOA Youth Emergency Fund **\$30,000**
- OWD working with private philanthropy to survey grantees to inform responsive immediate, intermediate and long term grants

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