

COVID 19: Where Do We Go From Here?

Examining the Issues
Reviewing the Solutions
Finding the Path Forward

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During the last year...

- ▶ Sudden pivot of traditional learning environments to virtual platforms
- ▶ Unpredictability
- ▶ Lack of equity of resources
- ▶ No cohesive plan of action (local, state, nation)
- ▶ The unknown risks
- ▶ Emotional and physical struggles
- ▶ Grief and loss (racial too)
- ▶ Layers of trauma

Issues and Opportunities

- ▶ Lack of Internet availability
- ▶ Incomplete or non-existent IEP service implementation
- ▶ Inconsistent school protocols
- ▶ Lack of emotional supports offered
- ▶ Unequal division of resources
- ▶ Racial tensions
- ▶ Lack of learning gains

What Do Students Need?

- ▶ Consistency
- ▶ Predictability
- ▶ Safe spaces
- ▶ Someone to talk to/with
- ▶ Designated emotional support staff
- ▶ Social-Emotional supports

What about the Future?

- ▶ Collaboration between schools and community service providers
- ▶ Training, training, training (educators, families, providers)
- ▶ Engage, Educate, Empower
- ▶ Free flow of information between families and schools AND schools and service providers
- ▶ Long term strategic planning for future crises
- ▶ Social-Emotional awareness across all systems
- ▶ Expansion of community access to internet