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REOPENING SCHOOLS IN A PANDEMIC: Forging Innovative Partnerships and Engaging Staff, Parents, and Community
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fifth-largest school district in the United States

- 312,000 Students
- 363 Schools
- 42,000 Employees
PROGRESS TOWARD PROMISES
Emergency Distance Education Challenges

- Meal Distribution
  - 16 sites operational on Day 1
  - Expanded to nearly 50 sites throughout the closure
  - Additional food distribution in partnership with local organizations
  - 5 Million Meals Served
INNOVATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING

Emergency Distance Education Challenges

- Inclusive Learning Policies
  - Digital and Pen & Paper
  - No Grading Policy
  - No New Content

Student Learning Extension Opportunities
INNOVATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING

Emergency Distance Education Challenges

- Digital Divide
  - Secured Supply of 135,000 Devices
  - Connecting Kids Partnership
  - Internet Subsidy
  - Hot Spots
  - Bus WiFi Routes
CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

Connectivity

- Connecting Kids NV
  - 226,897 Devices distributed to students
  - 13,775 Students connected to internet
  - 6,166 Students provided hot spots
INNOVATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING

Emergency Distance Education Challenges

▪ Social-Emotional Needs
  o Student Welfare Checks
  o SafeVoice
  o Employee Assistance Worklife Program
REOPENING MODELS

- Distance Education
- Hybrid
- Face-to-Face
DISTANCE EDUCATION

- Full-time Distance Education
- Board Updates
  - After 30 Days
  - Reevaluate Community Health Stats Monthly
- Allowance for Rural Schools
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Importance of Information Sharing and Input

- Social-Emotional Needs
  - Java with Jara Virtual Town Halls
  - Engage Email
  - Media Availability
  - Reopening Our Schools Working Group
  - Family Guide - Updated
WORKING WITH EMPLOYEE GROUPS

- Regular Meetings and Forums
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Pay Incentive
- Sick Leave Donations
CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

Health and Safety

- Reopening Our Schools Plan
- Employee Health Tracker
- Employee Health Questionnaire
- Facilities Procedures
DISTANCE EDUCATION TOOLS

- Curriculum
  - Map Accelerator
  - Achieve3000
  - SmartyAnts
- Canvas Learning Management System
- Google Meet
  - Added Security Features
CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

Budget Special Session

- Chronic Underfunding
- $92 Million in Budget Reductions from State
- Added COVID-Related Cuts
  - Read by Grade 3
  - Senate Bill 178
CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

- Special Education
  - Virtual IEP Plans with Parents
- English Language Learners
  - Learning Line
  - Google Classroom Resources
  - Virtual Reading Centers
Moving Forward with Purpose

- Transition Plans
  - Actionable and detailed plans to return when safe
- Moving Toward Focus: 2024 Goals
  - Recalibrating and moving forward with our work
- Distance Education Now
  - Daily improvements to help our students succeed
QUESTIONS
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