Free Resources to Assist Schools and Districts with Remote Learning

The Tech Industry Responds to COVID-19

- Google will allow free access to the enterprise version of Hangouts Meet to all G Suite and G Suite for Education users. That plan includes up to 250 users per call, the ability to record meetings, and livestream capabilities for up to 100,000 viewers until July 1, 2020.

- Microsoft has shared how schools can ramp up remote learning programs quickly with Microsoft Teams. The company has also started offering a free trial of the premium plan for its Teams chat app. That trial will allow users to record meetings and take advantage of 1TB of storage, neither of which are available on the normal free version. Microsoft is making the extended premium trial available for six months. For information on getting started with remote learning in O365, visit the Microsoft Education Center.

- Cisco is offering a free version of its Webex service with no time restrictions. In addition, it will allow up to 100 meeting participants and has added toll-free dial-in features with a 90-day license for organizations that are not already customers.

Additional Resources

Live Map of School Closings—Keep up to date with a live map that shows school closures related to coronavirus.

Department of Education COVID Information and Resources—This recently launched COVID-19 resource for educators features the most current information on COVID-19 (primarily from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC]), as well as guidance and resources for everyday disease prevention strategies.

Digital Learning Collaborative—The Digital Learning Collaborative (DLC) is a membership group dedicated to exploring, producing, and disseminating data, information, news, and best practices in digital learning.

GCFLearnFree.org—Free online educational website focusing on technology, job training, reading, and math skills. The site is a program of Goodwill Industries of Eastern NC, Inc. and the Goodwill Community Foundation, Inc. This is a great resource to supplement instruction with digital skills learning.

Khan Academy—Non-profit lesson repository for students, teachers, and parents. They've included a resource page for how Khan Academy can be utilized for remote learning.

Wide Open School—Common Sense Media has created a new resource to help families and students during this time of remote learning. Their editors have curated a free collection of the best online learning experiences for students of all ages.

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