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DME Bulletin – COVID-19

May 14, 2020

Mayor's Order Extended to June 8

Mayor Muriel Bowser issued Mayor's Order 2020-066 to extend the District's public emergency and public health emergency and continue to require individuals to stay home through June 8, 2020. The Mayor's Order can be found [HERE](#).

Flamboyant Foundation Webinar

“Listen, Learn, Lead: Community Reflections During COVID-19” - Flamboyant Foundation Webinar. As we look ahead to the next several months and particularly the start of next school year, it is critical that the education space be rooted in the voices and needs of our communities most impacted by inequity. Please join Flamboyant, PAVE, and ConnectEd/DCSRN for a free virtual convening on Wednesday, May 20 from 3:30-4:45 pm to better understand what communities are telling us. [Learn more and register on the Flamboyant website.](#)

Strategies to Engage Unreached Families During COVID-19

Outreach tool from the Flamboyant Foundation provides a set of strategies to engage any families that have not been reached through previous outreach efforts. Available [HERE](#).

#PassThePencilChallenge

Can your school do better? DME has launched a social media challenge to highlight the work being done by students during learning at home. Winners will receive gift cards from DME's policy team. Example submission can be found [HERE](#). Contact courtney.warren@dc.gov with questions.

OSSE Update

Preliminary Allocations Released for CARES-ESSER

This week, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) released memos to local education agency (LEA) heads of school and grant/finance points of contact with preliminary allocations for the CARES Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER). Please contact OSSE.Cares@dc.gov with any questions on the CARES-ESSR grant program.

2020 Graduate Together Celebration - Saturday, May 16 at 8:00 PM

The [Council of Chief State School Officers](#) partnered with XQ Institute on [Graduate Together 2020](#), a one-hour primetime show paying tribute to graduates, their extraordinary teachers, and their families. President Barack Obama is scheduled to deliver remarks. The show will air on ABC, CBS, FOX, and NBC and available through social media. Also be sure to check out DC's page from State Superintendent Hanseul Kang.

New Webinar: Serving Students with Disabilities during Periods of Remote or Blended Learning

This webinar was created to provide school leaders, special education points of contact, and special education teachers with concrete resources they can reference as they work to mitigate regression and plan for recovery for all students, especially those receiving special education services. This session will take place on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, 1:00-3:00 p.m. [Register HERE](#).

Please share this opportunity with your colleagues and administrators. For questions about these webinars, please contact Jennifer Carpenter at Jennifer.Carpenter@dc.gov.

Guidance Updates

All of OSSE's official coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance is posted [HERE](#).

LEA Meal Provision Guidance

[Policy Updates and Questions and Answers](#) related to COVID-19: LEA Meal Provision guidance updated May 12, 2020.

Nationwide Waiver of LWP Triennial Assessments in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service is establishing a nationwide waiver to support LEAs unable to complete a local wellness policy (LWP) triennial assessment by **Tuesday, June 30, 2020**. OSSE has elected to use this waiver.

- LEAs that are required to complete a LWP triennial assessment by Tuesday, June 30, 2020 may elect to receive a one-year waiver with a new deadline of Wednesday, June 30, 2021.
- LEAs wishing to accept a new deadline must inform OSSE on or before Tuesday, June 30, 2020 by emailing OSSE.SchoolHealth@dc.gov citing "LWP waiver extension" in the subject line. OSSE will acknowledge receipt of the message.
- OSSE must receive notice from LEAs wishing to utilize the one-year waiver by Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

If you are not sure if your LEA local wellness policy triennial assessment is due or if you have questions, please email OSSE.SchoolHealth@dc.gov, citing "LWP waiver extension" in the subject line.

For additional information and resources, please visit
coronavirus.dc.gov.