



Education Recovery and Innovation Commission

Thursday, December 18 | 11:00am



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TN

Department of
Education

MARCH 5, 2020

COVID-19 Arrives in Tennessee



Throughout the pandemic, many of our districts' top priority needs have aligned with priorities of the department's **Best for All strategic plan**.

TDOE's response preparation began before the first positive case in Tennessee.

Before COVID-19 and now, in all our work, our goal is to **do what's best for kids**.



Communicated Closely with Schools & Districts



Crisis management & response



3x weekly communication with district leaders

Closure **guidance documents**
first set released
3/5/2020

70+



Quickly stood up **resources & partnerships**



MORE

TEACHING TENNESSEE

Federal Relief Funding Comes to Tennessee

ESSER- Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

- \$234M to districts - *awarded by Title 1 formula as required by U.S.ED, all funds were awarded to districts by 6/30*
- \$26M to TDOE

GEER- Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund

- \$64M for K-12 & Higher Education

CRF- Coronavirus Relief Fund

- \$155M for K-12- includes
 - \$50M Tech Grant
 - \$15M Connectivity Grant
 - \$77M PPE for All Teachers

Gov. Lee announces \$81 Million in COVID-19 relief grants for education



Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee removes his mask as he begins a news conference Wednesday, July 1, 2020, in Nashville, Tenn. (AP Photo/Mark Humphrey)

by: [WKRN Web Staff](#)

Posted: Jul 7, 2020 / 11:44 AM CDT / Updated: Jul 7, 2020 / 05:50 PM CDT

Funding from Governor Lee for Tennessee Students

K-12 Grants - \$61M

- District Technology Grant- \$50M
- LEA Reopening and Programmatic Supports - \$11M

Higher Education Grants - \$20M

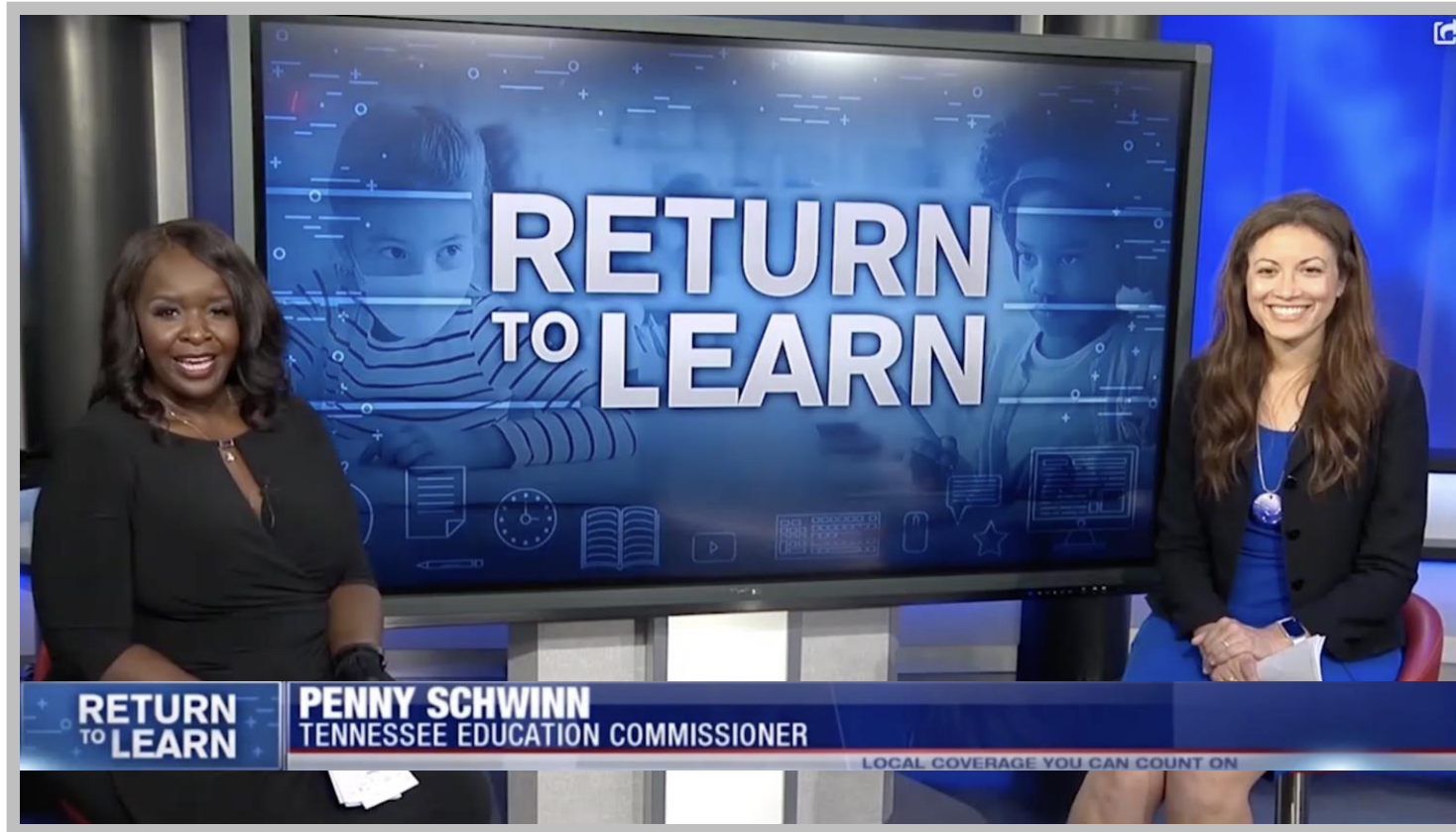
- Social Distance Expenses
- Online Transition

2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR: Additional \$200M+ to support school opening

- **\$77M+ full-year classroom disinfecting kits** for every classroom teacher in the state
- **\$50M district technology grant** for districts to supply devices for students
- **\$15M district technology grant** to purchase WiFi or MiFi devices for students
- **\$11M reopening grants** to support districts' continuous learning plan implementation
- **\$8M in funding** to support districts in serving students with disabilities
- **\$2M Grown Your Own Grant** to increase pathways to the teaching profession



Leading by Example to Keep Schools Healthy & Safe

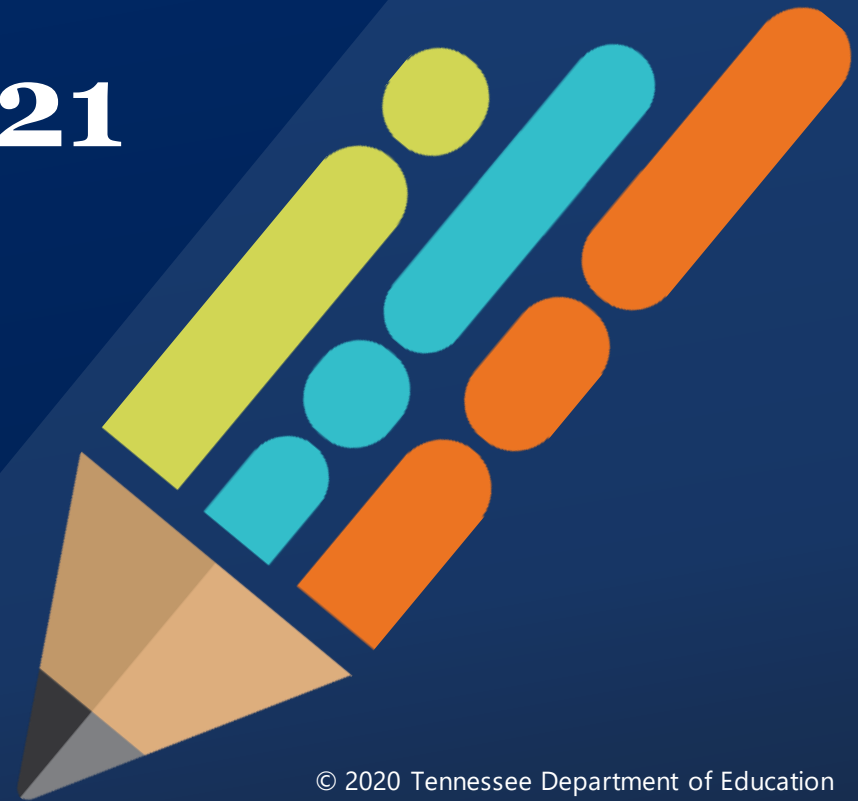


We've got our masks...
We're staying socially distanced...
We're washing our hands...
We're using hand sanitizer...

If people take those precautions, what we have seen is that it does protect them from the virus and it allows to **keep learning going** and to **make sure our schools can stay open.**

- COMMISSIONER SCHWINN

School Opening for 2020-21



Continuing to Work with Public Health Experts from TN's Department of Health



This running FAQ will be updated each time a new Q/A is added.
 Denotes new Q/A
 Denotes new Subheading
 Language updates in green font
 Latest update: September 11, 2020
FACESHIELDS / FACESHIELDS
 If the kids wear masks all day long. Yes. Masks don't replace the need to wear a mask and you're all yourself if one person is later for anyone within 6 feet of an individual, anyone, regardless of whether they are wearing a mask.
 Should students wear masks w/ face shields? If they are playing in the gym, it's outside, but not zero.
 Our students are trying to wear a mask and you're all yourself if one person is later for anyone within 6 feet of an individual, anyone, regardless of whether they are wearing a mask.
 How can we relay this message?
 The guidance isn't in conflict with each other.
 This virus is in schools.
 Less likely it will be spread by masks do not prevent them from each other, time, it is about

Tennessee Department of Health Recommendations for the Management of COVID-19 in Schools

(Updated 9.2.2020)

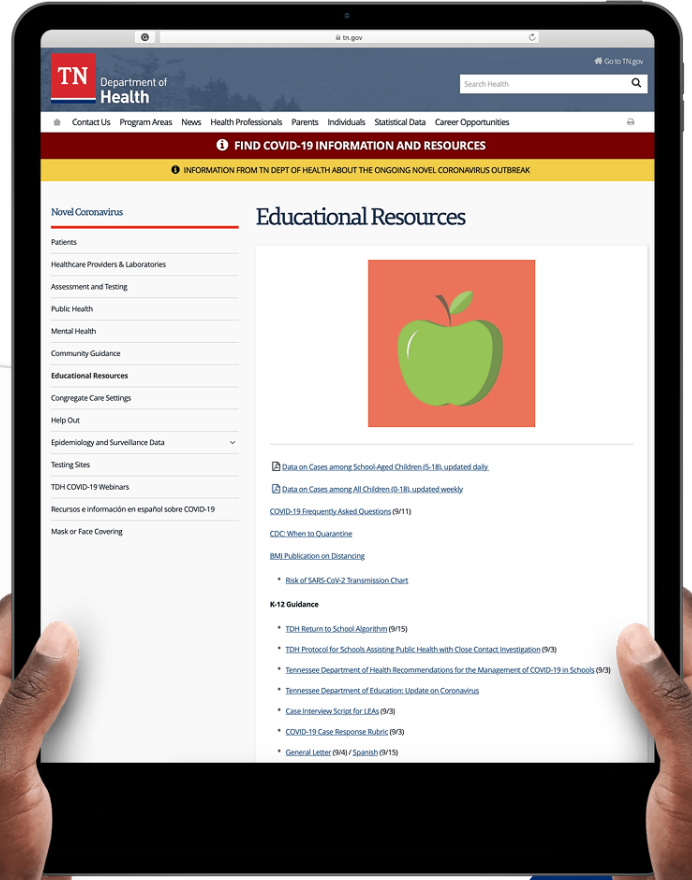
- 9.2.2020 update reflects:
- Change in requirement from 210 to 315 minutes exposure
- 8.22.2020 update reflects:
- Change in requirement for implementation of "Protocol for School for COVID-19 Cases" (pg 8)
 - Addition of "seasonal allergic diagnosis of COVID-19 (pg 9)
 - Addition of "Public Health Officer" table included in Appendix A

Overarching Recommendation

While no single action will prevent COVID-19, it is strongly recommended that schools implement the following measures:

- COVID-19 Practice Scenarios
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Revised 9.2.2020



Continuous Learning Plans (CLP)

Tennessee is one of few states to require district learning plans for the 2020-21 school year.

ALL APPROVED

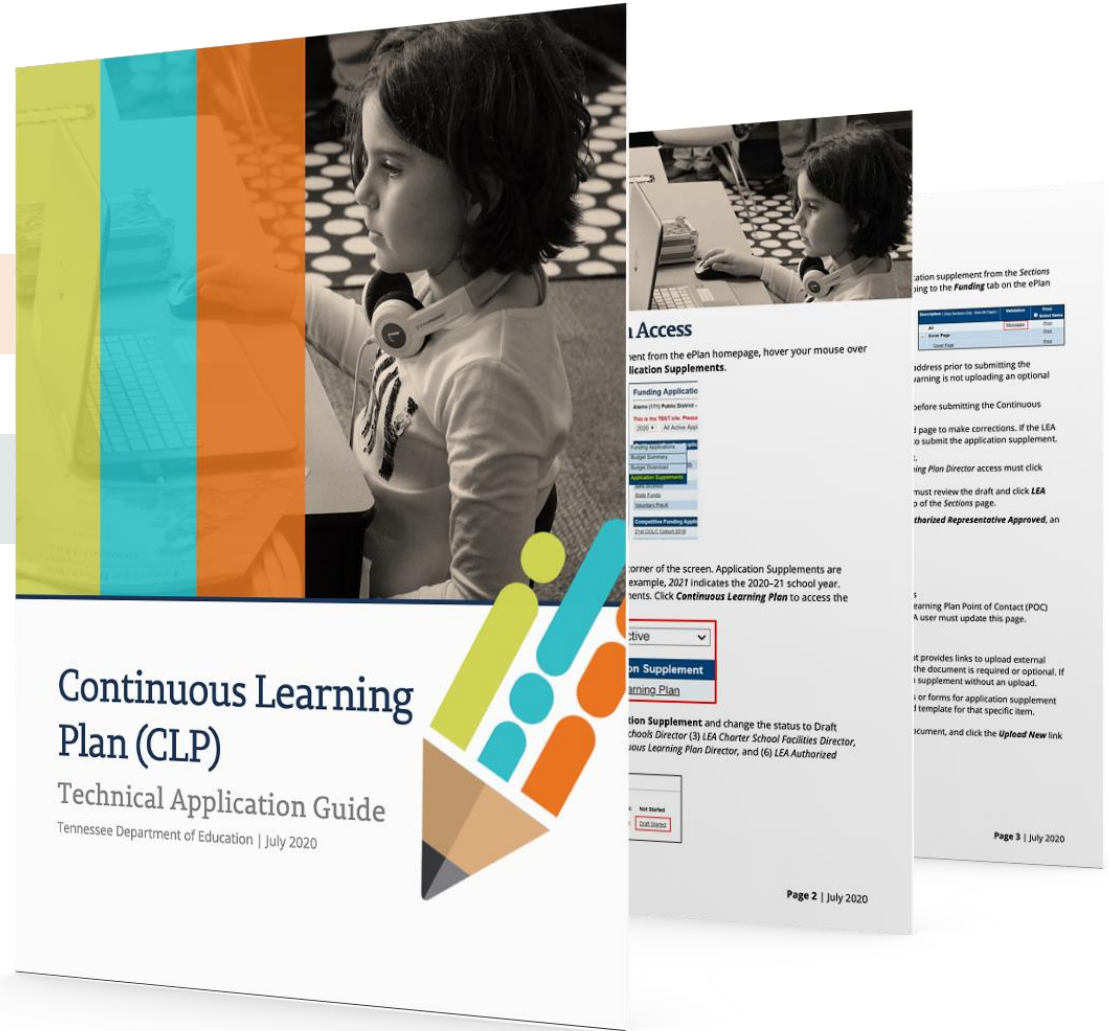
148 LEAs & 113 Charters

4 WAIVERS GRANTED

Dept. of Correction, Dept. of Children's Services, State Board of Education, Carroll County

Full or Conditional Approvals
reached in 2 or less rounds of edits

	All CLPs
Full	77%



TN's Hub for Learning & Teaching



OVER 1,200 RESOURCES

NOW AVAILABLE (WITH MORE BEING ADDED REGULARLY)



250,000+

TOTAL PAGE VIEWS

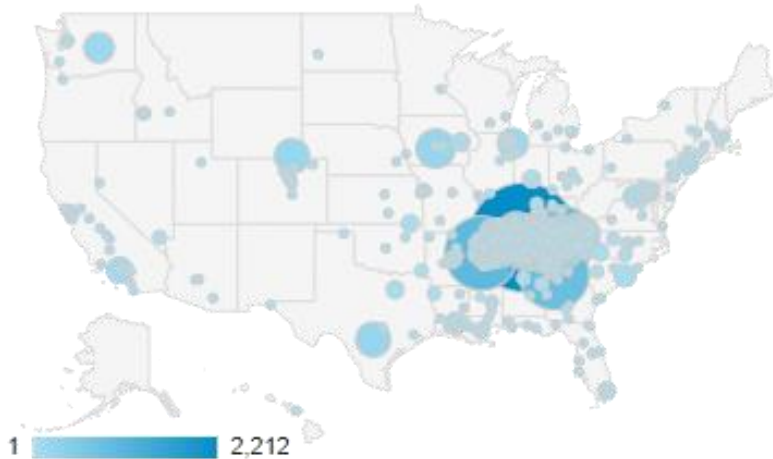


21,773

UNIQUE USERS

cumulative data 8/6/20 - 9/9/20

Reaching Users in ALL 50 States & Washington D.C.



TOSS presentation on “Using the Best for All Central Hub for Remote Learning.” **Over 130 district members joined** to learn more about best practices and resources.

More Tools & Resources



Innovative, Optional Assessment Platform to Determine Student Progress

Welcome back, SABRINA. What's New in Schoolnet

Your last visit was 6 days ago. Your role is Teacher at Apple MS.

Report Bank My Classroom

Search Reports for Apple MS

Section: Science 8 - Prd 03

Reports | Planner | Materials Search | Assessments

Today's Instruction Curriculum: Science 8

MY SCHEDULED MATERIALS

01 Scientific Investigation and Reasoning

Benchmark Performance by Administration

Go to Report Bank | Go to My Saved Reports

My Calendar

August 2015

Subject	Raw Score	Percent Score	Score Group	Proficiency	Percentile	Quantile	NCE	Stanine	Standard Score
ALSHARIF, LEONARDO	27	90.0%	Advanced	Yes	95.21	4	85.07	8	1.48
BALDO, JAMES	27	90.0%	Advanced	Yes	95.21	4	85.07	8	1.48
CLARK, DANIEL	26	86.7%	Proficient	Yes	91.34	4	78.69	8	1.28
CLARK, BRENDAN	28	93.3%	Advanced	Yes	97.78	4	92.34	9	1.67
FARIS, JULIAN	25	83.3%	Proficient	Yes	85.91	4	72.67	7	1.08
FLORES, NATHANIEL	23	76.7%	Basic	No	72.12	3	62.35	6	0.68
GONZALEZ, ANDRES	24	80.0%	Proficient	Yes	79.26	4	67.18	7	0.88
HERNANDEZ, ERIC	17	56.7%	Below Basic	No	28.94	2	38.31	4	-0.52
LOPEZ, KATHERINE	18	60.0%	Below Basic	No	34.96	2	41.86	4	-0.32
MADRIL, ETHAN	25	83.3%	Proficient	Yes	85.91	4	72.67	7	1.08



BRIDGING THE DISTANCE Family Remote Learning

Helping Tennessee Understand Remote Learning

Powered by STEM Cat University in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Education

Welcome!

Dr. Dan Boone, the president of Trevecca

My wife, Denise, and I are the grandparents of eight grandchildren and all of them are students in public schools. When the COVID-19 pandemic turned kitchen tables into classrooms, we watched our grandchildren—and their parents—tackle remote learning together. So, we're aware of the challenges parents face as they juggle full-time jobs, technology and the helping their children get the best education possible. We want to provide this resource so that you can better understand the tools that are used in remote learning and provide the support your children need. We hope that we'll all be back in classrooms this fall, but just in case we're not, we at Trevecca want to help you be ready. We're here to help you!

TN Foundational Skills Curriculum Supplement

A FREE, optional resource for districts, educators, and families to **help build solid literacy foundation** for our youngest readers.



PBS Teaching Tennessee Continuing Through The Fall

Tune in 9-11am Central Time | All six statewide PBS stations



Launched COVID-19 District Info Dashboard

*Update includes additional data
around positive COVID-19 cases
in districts and schools*

To protect individual privacy, schools with fewer than 50 students are not reported in this data. Further, for schools reporting a number that is fewer than five positive student or employee COVID-19 cases, the school will be listed without a specific number of cases for the category.



Leading the Nation

- **USDOE highlights TN** for its school reopening efforts.
- **Clinton City Schools highlighted** as a national spotlight district to watch by the US Department of Education!
- **Over a dozen states have reached-out** to TN to learn from our best practices.
- **TN most highlighted state** for pandemic response in the country from CCSSO (National State Education Agency organization)
- **TN highlighted** in news and media:














Advocating for Students

- **Senate HELP Committee** testimony, "COVID-19: Going Back to School Safely"
- **House Education & Labor** subcommittee testimony, "How to Overcome Obstacles to Safely Reopen"
- **First Lady Melania Trump** conference call with Governor Lee on child wellbeing in Tennessee











Timeline Overview

MARCH

- **2** Middle TN tornados 
1st building closures 
- **5** 1st COVID-19 case in TN 
1st set of COVID-19 guidance released 
- **13** 1st COVID-19 call with directors 
- **16** Encouraged closures thru March with Gov. Lee
Initial nutrition waivers secured 
- **19** TN General Assembly waived testing & accountability by passing Public Chapter 652 
- **20** SchoolMealFinder.hoonuit.com goes LIVE 
- **24** Recommended closures thru April 24 with Gov. Lee 
- **25** Announced PBS partnership 
- **30** Announced ReadyRosie early literacy app with GELF 

APRIL














- **1** U.S.ED waiver approval for testing & accountability; more nutrition waivers approved 
- **3** Launched district leader & public surveys on CARES funding 
- **6** PBS lessons began airing 
- **9** SBE Emergency called meeting – approved several COVID-19 emergency rules 
- **15** STE(A)M At Home Learning Resources launched with TSIN 
Encouraged school closures thru end of year; announced Child Wellbeing Task Force to be convened 
- **24** Free PD for TN Principals with UTK 
- **27** Announced \$1M IDEA Technology grant 







MAY

- **13** Closure toolkit page reaches 250,000 views 
- **15** Free PD for TN teachers with Trevecca 
- **19** Celebrated graduation 
- **21** 8,000+ Tennessee educators registered for free Trevecca training on digital learning and teaching 
- **22** \$260M CARES ESSER award notification 
- **27** TN Teacher Job Connection launched 
- **28** GEER award notification 
- **29** SBE Quarterly Meeting – approved districts' COVID-19 “checkbox” waivers 












Timeline Overview

JUNE

- 1 PBS summer partnership announced 
- 3 \$5M additional grants for students with disabilities 
- 5 Announced innovative assessment resources for 2020-21 
- 8 Summer STE(A)M Resources Hub launched 
- 10 Senate HELP Committee testimony, "COVID-19: Going Back to School Safely" 
- 12 \$1M IDEA innovation grant 
- 15 1st 5 reopening toolkits published 
 - 550 principals completed UTK training 
- 16 5 more reopening toolkits published 
- 17 5 more reopening toolkits published 
 - Conference call on child wellbeing with Gov. Lee and First Lady Melania Trump 
- 18 Announced members & planned deliverables of Child Wellbeing Task Force 
 - 5 more reopening toolkits published 








- 18 Over 15,000 educators participated in free Trevecca educator training on digital learning and teaching 
- 19 5 more reopening toolkits published 
- 22 SBE Emergency called meeting - approved CLP rule and policy 
- 29 CLP template and rubric released 
- 30 Perkins V award announced 
 - 100% CARES ESSER funds for districts awarded 

JULY









- 2 TN Education Job Board launched 
- 7 Commissioner Schwinn visited White House to discuss school reopening with President Trump 
 - Gov. Lee announced \$50M, \$11M CARES funding for K-12 
- 15 \$1M Special Education Additional Endorsement Grant launched 
- 20 Free early literacy curriculum released 
- 23 Child Wellbeing COVID-19 Impact Report released
 - House Education & Labor Subcommittee testimony, "How to Overcome Obstacles to Safely Reopen Public Schools" 
- 24 TN Substitute Teacher Jobs Connection launched
 - SBE Quarterly meeting - approved various COVID-19 district waivers 
- 28 Gov. Lee announced approach to reopening schools 
 - First TDH COVID-19 guidance for K-12 schools released 
- 30 2,500+ educators attend virtual CTE conference 
 - \$20M U.S.ED Rethinking K-12 Grant award announced 

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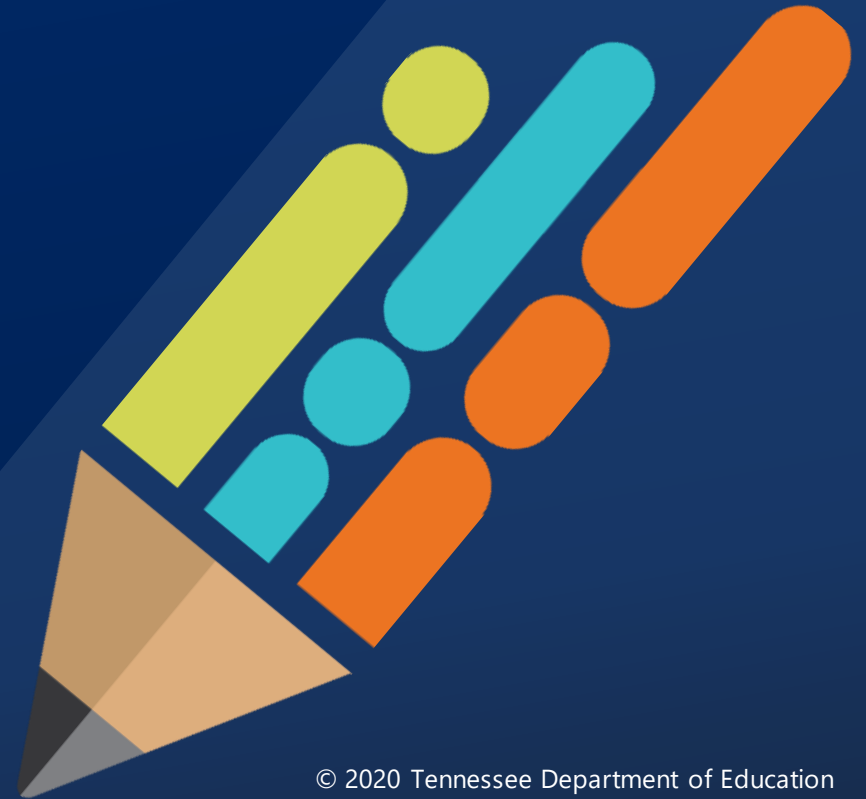
AUGUST

- **3** \$2M Grow Your Own Grant announced 
- **6** Best for All Central launched 
\$15M WiFi/MiFi Connectivity Grant announced 
- **7** Trevecca parent tool launched 
- **10** Innovative Assessment Platform goes LIVE
- **11** Child wellbeing checks toolkit released 
1st School dashboard announced
(operating models, building closures) 
- **17** SBE Emergency called meeting – approved additional COVID-19 district waivers 

SEPTEMBER

- **1** Comprehensive State Literacy Development grant award 
- **8** PBS fall partnership announced 
100% TN districts have started new year 
Over 20,000 teachers participated in free Trevecca educator training on digital learning and teaching 
- **9** COVID-19 District Information Dashboard launched (COVID-19 cases included) 
- **17** 2019-20 Graduation rate announced 
- **18** All 265 CLPs fully approved
- **21** SBE emergency called meeting – approved COVID-19 waivers and edTPA flexibility for EPPs 
- **22** House Education Summer Study Session 

Looking Ahead...





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