Educator Tips & School Resources for Coronavirus

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Suggestions:

1) Survey parents to determine access to devices and WiFi at home.
2) Survey educators to determine level of understanding and comfort with technology tools for online learning / eLearning.
3) Determine technology tools to use & that can be supported by the school - five familiar tools that provide a wide range of support
4) Support teachers in developing at least a two week plan for remote / eLearning
   a) Include various elements within the plans and utilize different digital tools and platforms if needed
   b) Each unit should be able to be completed without the requirement of technology (remote learning) however enhanced through the use of digital tools & online learning platforms such as those below.
   c) Inquire with and recruit your school and community libraries for supporting texts and literature.
   d) Include your technology directors and IT support teams with any new devices, digital tools or technology needs
   e) Keep in mind parent & guardian needs - create flexible schedules and completion dates if adults are required to assist in learning

Digital Tools & Discounts

Tynker License	"If you are doing any contingency planning for school closure due to the coronavirus outbreak, please apply for this grant of a free license to support your students who may be affected. Since this is available to all schools and districts worldwide, please forward to any of your colleagues or share with your PLNs."
BrainPop: Coronavirus	"It can be scary to hear about a disease outbreak, but learning the facts can help ease your mind. A new coronavirus—a type of virus named for its crown-like shape—emerged in Wuhan, China in 2019…"
Discovery Ed	"Offering free memberships until the end of the year for school closures…"

[NearPod: Coronavirus](#)	"Keep Students Engaged in Learning… Wherever They Are Whether you're actively solving or are in the process of creating plans around school closures, Nearpod is here to support."
[MicrosoftEDU: Wakelet](#)	"Whether you're within the walls of the classroom or connecting remotely, you can access the tools you need for classroom management and student engagement with Microsoft Teams and Office 365. Here are some useful resources to get you started."
[Minecraft Educator Edition](#)	"As COVID-19 concerns prompt school closures around the world, many educators are turning to remote learning to keep students engaged. To help teachers and students stay connected to the classroom, Minecraft: Education Edition is now available through June 2020 for all educators and learners who have a valid Office 365 Education account. Please fill out this form to verify your account and request access to Minecraft…"
[Learning Tool List](#)	A list of tools built by educators in the ISTE EdTech Coaches PLN.
[Slide Deck to Copy](#)	A slide deck full of resources complete with video tutorials at various levels. Shared via the ISTE EdTech Coaches PLN
[Closed for COVID19 - Jason Reagin Wakelet](#)	"This is a collection of applications that are offering FREE premium or unlimited access during school closure due to COVID19…"
[Free Access to Kahoot](#)	"Kahoot! offers free access to all features to support distance learning in schools affected by the coronavirus outbreak Education institutions can get free access to Kahoot! Premium to empower distance and online learning and engage students anywhere, anytime. Click here to activate Premium for schools or here to activate Premium for higher education."
[Education Companies Offering Free Subscriptions due to School Closings](#)	Ongoing curated Google Doc from Amazing Educational Resources - Earlier this week I created a google sheet with a list of education companies that were offering free subscriptions due to school closings. Due to the overwhelming interest in the google sheet, I can no longer edit or add to it. I have created a new one and put it on a website to make it easier to share and to no longer have any problems. Please do me a huge favor and share this post and the website below. If you see my original post in a group, please share the new permanent website. I am constantly adding to it. Thank you to everyone who has sent resources. I have received over 1,000 emails that I am working through. I apologize for having to change the location of the resources. http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com AND https://www.facebook.com/groups/445786889466638
[Tierney Edge (Tech) Support Center](#)	"Now - April 15th, 2020: Complimentary access to Helpline! A lot of our customers are dealing with shifting schedules and distance learning options right now, and we want to help! We are offering a FREE Helpline to all customers through April 15th. Access to Tierney Helpline Support includes: 100+ Video Tutorials covering technologies such as Google EDU, SMART, Clevertouch, & more How-To Documents

	Frequently Asked Questions Instructional Support Troubleshooting via email with our PD Team Ability to conference call with our PD Team for Instructional Support"
Screencastify	Screencastify is a screen capture software that runs as a browser extension and connects with your Google Account for easy sharing through Drive. Using the promo code: **CAST_COVID** will give you premium access through April 30.

Blog Posts & Websites

The Tech Rabbi	"If school closes tomorrow don't panic! Here are some ways technology can help kids learn during the coronavirus outbreak."
NSTA Blog	"In this lesson, students will generate and prioritize questions about the novel Wuhan coronavirus and evaluate scientific and/or technical information from multiple authoritative sources, assessing the evidence and usefulness of each source for answering their prioritized questions."
Google Cloud Blog	"As more employees, educators, and students work remotely in response to the spread of COVID-19, we want to do our part to help them stay connected and productive. G Suite and G Suite for Education make up our collection of productivity apps that help businesses and educators collaborate no matter where they're located…"
Edsurge Post	"As of early March, the COVID-19 coronavirus has put about 300 million students out of school around the world, as communities and whole countries try to contain its spread. How are K-12 schools and higher-ed institutions in the U.S. and elsewhere coping? And how is learning impacted? We're keeping an eye on the situation with regular updates. Check out our coverage below and look for more in the coming weeks."
NEA Today	"The recent outbreak and spread of Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has prompted a great deal of media attention and questions and concerns on the impact it will have on schools.Below you will find some general guidance on COVID-19 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. NEA is committed to ensuring the health and safety…"
Kasey Bell - Shake Up Learning Post	"Are you prepared for online learning if your school is closed for an extended period of time? In this special BONUS episode, you Coronavirus Closures? Online Learning Tips for Teachers and Schools [interview with an American Teacher in China]can prepare for coronavirus closures and get online learning tips for teachers and schools."

[Educational Technology & Mobile Learning](#)	"Educational Technology is a blog operated and owned by Med Kharbach. Med is a doctoral researcher and a former teacher with 10 years of classroom teaching experience. Med's research interests include: discourse analysis, language learning, linguistics, Internet linguistics, critical linguistics, new (emerging) literacies, critical pedagogy, and educational technology…"
[The Edublogger by Kathleen Morris](#)	"How would you feel if someone said you need to change your whole approach to teaching immediately? Imagine if, instead of interacting face to face with students in your classroom, you had to create and deliver a virtual program. Perhaps you'd feel nervous? Overwhelmed? Excited? Unqualified? Inspired? Or perhaps plain lost. Online learning is fast becoming a reality for hundreds of millions of students worldwide. Teachers, students, families, administrators, departments, and whole communities are being forced to respond and adapt quickly."
[Ditch that Textbook-Using Chromebooks Offline](#)	"No internet at home? No problem. Set up Chromebooks and laptops with offline access to G Suite. Your elearning day activities just got a lot more interesting!" This post explains how to set-up the Chromebooks for offline access, apps to use when working offline, and examples/ideas of lessons.
[EduBlogs - Larry Ferlazzo](#)	Updated information for teachers dealing with school closures.

Virtual Field Trips

[Discovery Education Virtual Field Trips](#)	"No permission slips required. These virtual events let educators take students to amazing places and give them remarkable experiences, without ever leaving the classroom."
[25 Amazing Virtual Field Trips](#) - We Are Teachers	"Field trip out of the question? Think again. Thanks to technology, it's now possible for kids to visit all kinds of places from the comfort of their classroom (or home!). We've compiled a list of the best virtual field trips for you, so enjoy your "visit"! Note: For anyone who needs it, YouTube offers a closed captioning option. Just click the CC button at the bottom right hand corner."
[Take a Museum Field Trip without Leaving Your Classroom](#)	"An alternative to real-life field trips is online virtual visits that can be taken via computer. Clearly, nothing replaces the actual experience of a museum tour, yet experiencing a high-quality online museum yields its own rewards. Here is a sampling of excellent online museums to visit with your class, divided by category. Suggested activities accompany the descriptions of the Web sites."

Virtual Field Trips & Apps - Common Sense	Trips to museums, parks, historical sites, and more show students that learning (and life) happens outside the classroom, too. During field trips, students discover new things and learn in authentic environments, placing classroom content into new contexts. Thankfully, there are great games, apps, and websites that can bring places and experiences fostered by field trips to the classroom. While not an outright replacement, these field trip tools can offer inspiring and intriguing experiences for students.
Calendar of Virtual Field Trips (ETA, Tina Lauer)	"I'm sharing a Calendar of Virtual Field Trips with all of you that I created for our district families. I just compiled all the emails, Facebook posts, etc. about virtual field trips and placed them on a daily calendar that our families can do with their kiddos if they wish to do so. Feel free to copy and edit or share with your district. We're all in this together." ~ Tina

eLearning / Online Learning Resources including Learning Management Systems

Flipped Book	"For those Ts affected by the #coronavirus, we partnered up w/ @buddyxo to make a FREE ebook. Please share with someone who might need it. We'll add more as time goes on."
Google EDU / Google Classroom	"Concerns over the transmission of COVID-19 are closing schools across the globe, and millions of students are unable to physically attend school. To help with this, we recently announced that advanced Hangouts Meet features are available for free to anyone who uses G Suite around the world…"
Microsoft Teams Office 365	"Whether you're within the walls of the classroom or connecting remotely, you can access the tools you need for classroom management and student engagement with Office 365."
Remote Learning Resources a Wakelet by Steve Isaacs	"This collection is intended to support educators / schools as they prepare and deliver remote instruction in light of COVID2019 and online / distance learning in general. Please help curate resources."
Going Remote with Google Suite	"These resources have been compiled by Amplified IT in response to growing interest amongst G Suite for Education districts preparing for remote learning days that may be necessary during extended school closures. We will continue to update this doc as more resources are shared through our community. Share a resource!"
Seesaw	Wakelet with resources for Seesaw. Also check out PD in your PJ's-Learning from Home using Seesaw
Online Learning Wakelet of Resources	"A curation of ideas, infographics, contingency plans and more shared by the greater education community who are currently experiencing school closures due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)."
Next Vista For Learning	"Emergencies happen. How we respond to them may be as important a lesson for our students and our school teams

	as anything else we do. Over the last few days, I have shared ideas with educators around the world, asking about ways they have approached the challenges posed by COVID-19. I've learned how schools in China and other countries have suddenly shifted to online learning, and how schools, from small independents to districts of more than a million people, are working to prepare their people for something similar….Rushton Hurley"
Chromebook App Hub	Technology Partner Resources for Distance Learning during COVID-19. As educators and administrators set up contingency plans and consider making classrooms fully virtual, Google for Education Partners have created resources to support schools during this time. Note: The resources listed below are developed by third parties, and have not been vetted by Google. Please review the provider's website before use, and contact them if you have questions.

School / District Plans & Resources

Boston Public Schools	"Currently, the risk in Boston remains low. Continually updated information about the risk level can be found on the Boston Public Health Commission's (BPHC) website at BPHC.org…"
The School District of Philadelphia	"Our hearts go out to everyone who has been directly impacted by COVID-19 (coronavirus) in the U.S. and internationally. At this time, the School District of Philadelphia does NOT have any suspected or confirmed cases of coronavirus in our schools or offices. We continue to work closely with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health and receive guidance on steps we can take to minimize the risk in our schools and offices. Here's what we're doing now…"
San Marino Unified School District	"San Marino Unified School District is closely monitoring the novel coronavirus to provide you updates with the latest information. We are still advising parents, as we always do, do not send your child to school if they may be sick. Keeping your sick child home will be a great benefit for the health and wellness of our students and staff. If children are sent to school sick, they can be removed from class and school as deemed appropriate by our staff and nurses. If you, your child, or family recently traveled to or from China, we also ask that you take extra precautions and seek a medical evaluation from your doctor before returning to school."
DeSoto #73 Public School District	"Please see the following letter regarding district preparations for the possibility of the spread of the Coronavirus. For more information and the latest updates on the coronavirus, please see the following websites…"
Kirkwood School District	"Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work with the St. Louis County Department of Health regarding the first case of COVID 19 in Missouri. We are following all guidelines and best practices established by health professionals..."

School Closure Collaborative Gdoc	"An ongoing collaborative Google Document from the EdTech PLN to help all schools with resources and guidance for teachers and leaders."
Grain Valley Schools	"Grain Valley Schools is working closely with the Jackson County Health Department regarding planning for, and monitoring of, the COVID-19 virus. The school district will take direction and guidance from the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and the Jackson County Health Department on appropriate response measures; however, the district is preparing by taking the following actions…"
Canceled Events & Self-Quarantines Saves Lives	"The main uncertainty in the coronavirus outbreak in the United States now is how big it will get, and how fast. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Nancy Messonnier told reporters on March 9, "many people in the US will at some point, either this year or next, get exposed to this virus. This is how we help slow the spread ...""

Missouri State Information

DESE Bulletin Guidelines	https://dese.mo.gov/communications/dese-bulletin