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BOARD OF EDUCATION

COVID-19 Challenges & Policy Options

PREPARED FOR THE JUNE 2020 WORK SESSION

Information

Materials included in packet:

- Summary of surveys
- Instructional hours FAQ
- Mastery-based crediting proposal
- Articles
 - [The Return: How Should Education Leaders Prepare for Reentry and Beyond?](#) *Johns Hopkins School of Education, Chiefs for Change*
 - [A New "New Deal" For Education - Top 10 Policy Moves For States In The COVID 2.0 Era](#) *Forbes*
 - [State Boards Wrestle with Graduation Policy during Pandemic](#) *National Association of State Boards of Education*
 - [States All Over the Map on Remote Learning Rigor, Detail](#) *Education Week*
 - [Research Shows Students Falling Months Behind During Virus Disruptions](#) *New York Times*
 - [How People Learn: Bridging Research and Practice](#) *National Research Council, National Academies*
 - Memo from Vice Chair, MJ Bolt
- Reopening WA Schools Work Group resources
 - [Work group website](#)
 - [Models under consideration](#)
 - [Best practices for reopening WA schools](#): Research on reopening plans in other states and nations by Kinetic West



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Synopsis:

The Board will discuss the long-term impacts of COVID-19 school building closures, related disruptions to learning, and the challenges with reopening schools during the ongoing public health crisis. Staff will present potential policy changes to our education system that would facilitate serving students in a more equitable and effective way. Board members will have the opportunity to discuss the policy options both in small groups and as a whole board. The objective of the work session is for the Board to select the top priority policy options, on which staff will develop proposals for the Board to consider at the July meeting.