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TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- **Student achievement**
  - Distance learning (access to technology/teacher training)
  - Equity and accountability (mitigating learning loss/interventions for high-need students/learning continuity plans)

- **Operations**
  - Health and safety (PPE/sanitation/social distancing/testing)
  - Scheduling (changes to school year, new instructional models)
  - Services (transportation, nutrition, childcare)

- **Community Relations**
  - Family and community engagement
  - Labor/Mgmt. relations (MOUs/bargaining/hiring/reassignments)
TODAY’S PRESENTERS

➢ Vernon M. Billy: (Introduction) CSBA CEO & Executive Director
➢ Troy Flint: (Moderator) Chief Information Officer, CSBA
➢ Craig DeLuz: Trustee, Robla SD
➢ John Gordon: Trustee, Galt Joint Union ESD
➢ Kathy Spate: Trustee, Caruthers USD
➢ Mike Walsh: Trustee, Butte COE
➢ Abigail Solis: Trustee, Earlimart ESD
STATE & FEDERAL SUPPORT
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➢ From an education perspective, what is your opinion on the state and federal response to COVID-19? Has it been geared toward the needs of small LEAs?
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
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- What challenges are you experiencing as you prepare for distance learning? How do your challenges differ from those of larger districts?

- Where could you use assistance in implementing distance learning models? As a small district, do you have the necessary resources?
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

How are you facilitating effective instruction by supporting teachers in the transition to distance learning?
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- What measures is your district or COE taking to mitigate learning loss overall?
- What special interventions have you planned to support high-need students?
SERVICES & OPERATIONS
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- As a small LEA, how are you stocked for PPE? How have you obtained supplies and do you expect to have sufficient inventory?
- How is your district/COE addressing social distancing and screening/testing?
- What is your LEA’s approach to cleaning and sanitation during the pandemic?
SERVICES & OPERATIONS

COVID-19 has highlighted the role schools play beyond teaching and learning. How is your district/COE addressing key programs like transportation, nutrition services, and childcare?
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- Has your district considered new instructional models like cohort or hybrid approaches?
- Are you contemplating a delayed start to the school year, a longer school year, universal summer school or other adjustments for the 2020-21 school year?
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
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- How did you involve stakeholders in your school opening decision-making process?
- How have you engaged your labor unions and how has your relationship been as you’ve pursued MOUs or other agreements?
- What level of communication have you had with local, county, and state agencies – especially your county health officer?
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Do you have a plan for maintaining community engagement as the pandemic evolves and guidance changes?
- How did you communicate your decision to students, parents, caregivers, staff, and community-based organizations?
QUESTIONS

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- August 6, 2020 2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.
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