



## Minimizing the COVID slide: Extending summer learning

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### Resources and links from the panelists:

*From Beth Tarasawa:*

- [Research brief: Collaborative for Student Growth](#)
- [CRPE current research](#)

*From April Grace*

- [Playlist developed by Shawnee Public Schools in response to COVID 19](#)
- [Virtual field trips](#)
- [Shawnee Public Schools resources and guidance](#)

### Learning Forward resources:

- [COVID-19 online resource page](#)
- [COVID-19 online community](#)
- [Learning Forward webinars](#)

**Poll Question & Results** (*Next page*)

## Check-in poll results

To what extent do you feel your students are ready to start the next school year?

Not prepared				Totally prepared
1	2	3	4	5
10%	34%	49%	6%	1%

To what extent do you feel that you have resources available that you can give your students to better prepare them over the summer for the next school year?

No resources at all				Many resources available
1	2	3	4	5
8%	40%	37%	11%	5%

### Participants' suggestions and resources:

- Don't be afraid to reach out to your retired teachers. Many of them are willing to help in more ways than you think!
- School Librarians LOVE to participate! Please ask yours for any help you need! They LOVE being included!
- Our instructional coaches created the activities for our early learning classrooms. 10 coaches for 10 weeks...followed by a newsletter full of photos showing the engagement.
- Social Emotional Needs are #1! Check out Tepper and Flynn for Phases and thinking around this. They are great! <https://tepperandflynn.com/closuresources/#docs-anchors>

### Participants' responses to panelists' comments and strategies:

- Student engagement has certainly wained...Stamina and commitment is definitely a concern going forward.
- Yes, important to figure out how to deal with Zoom fatigue.

- I like the term “Zoom fatigue”. I totally understand why this is less engaging for students as the months have gone on. Kids are anxious to interact with teachers face-to-face.
- I like the idea of tinker time with household items!
- I do like the idea of choice boards for the summer.... Academic choice is important and should be available.
- Virtual teaching and learning may be the wave of education.
- I like the idea of providing tutoring and small groups. I like the flexibility too!
- Building community ties are crucial.
- Many students are having Zoom birthday parties so you know Zoom learning is a great resource.
- The human connection is so important! I love what you've done Spokane!
- The family activity kits are a novel way to engage families.
- Love the connection of physical, social, emotional, and academic development and learning!
- I love the way you are preparing for your Washington State students.
- Love the emphasis on “social-emotional” learning. This is a difficult time for kids, their families and teachers.
- It’s great that you are finding ways to continue to involve staff at all levels and keep them employed. Also, you are pooling your resources and looking at what each person has to give. Bravo!
- Appreciate you thinking about staff who are supporting student learning with mindfulness & yoga sessions.
- I think pooling resources across our elementary schools is a novel idea.... It takes a village and a community... especially feeding our kiddos. I have been impressed with the work our district has done, but it is definitely building the plane while we are flying it.
- Having and giving grace is so important always. :)
- Relationships always mattered but now its crucial.
- Getting “Boots on the ground” so to speak is so important... connection is more important than ever even if it is from a distance.
- Building and keeping relationships with our families is a big key to maintain our students and families engaged.
- Focus on student well-being before learning is resonating in so much of what discussed here!
- I heard the saying on another webinar and it resonates with all that is being said today...Maslow before Bloom.
- Early planning is crucial!
- I love that communication is being valued. Silence will only lead to anxiety and lack of ownership.



- Everyone has their own risk tolerance level — and that level of comfort won't change for a long time.