




















Response to COVID-19

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 

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 

Response to COVID-19 *(continued)*








JUNE

- 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 

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 