**Colorado DKG Leadership Conference**

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**Presenters:**

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**Discussion Guide**

**“COVID 19 and the 2020-21 School Year: Issues and Challenges”**

**Discussion Goals**

* **To raise awareness about the issues educators face when preparing schools for the return of students in 2020-21.**
* **To guide discussion of the issues and challenges and identify ways DKG members can support the efforts of educators.**

**1. Overview: (5 minutes)**

* **Educational Law and Policy/US Forum Team -Who are we?**
* **US Forum Survey –“Embracing Diversity” –How we responded?**
* **What are the issues that educators face in the time of a pandemic and educating a diverse population students equitably and inclusively?**
* **What can Colorado DKG and Chapters do to support teachers and students during this time? For our diverse population of students?**

**2. Introduction: (5 minutes)**

* **Schools are run locally- “Local Control”**
* **Context: The Virus, Economy, Social Issues & Educating All Students**
* **Risk Management for Everyone in Community (Health & Safety)**
* **Educating the “Whole Child” – academically and socially –emotionally**
* **Students, Educators and Parents needs**
* **Challenges to Opening Schools: In-Person, Remotely or Hybrid**
* **COVID 19 & Planning 2020-21:**

**What are the priorities and practices?**

**What did we learn?**

**What are the challenges? Possible solutions?**

**3. Health and Safety Considerations: (5 minutes)**

* **What doe the Commissioner of Education say?**
* **What are the Public Health Guidelines for Opening Schools?**
* **How does COVID 19 Impact Decisions for Schools?**
* **What are the accommodations and Protocols for Students and Teachers?**
* **What are the challenges? Possible Solutions?**

**4. Impact on Teachers & Student Learning: (5 minutes)**

* **How have students/teachers been affected by COVID 19?**
* **What students are impacted? How?**
* **How do we assess teacher effectiveness/students learning?**
* **How do we evaluate what is working and what is not?**
* **What are the challenges? Possible solutions?**

**6. Planning for Communication: (5 minutes)**

* **How are stakeholders involved in the decision-making?**
* **How to establish two-way communications with students, families, and community members?**
* **How do communications accommodate a variety of student populations?**
* **What are the challenges? Possible solutions?**

**7. Funding Issues: (5 minutes)**

* **What funds are needed? For what?**
* **What funds are available? Local? State? Federal?**
* **How do you access funds for your district?**
* **What policies are required by CDE? Can be flexible?**
* **What are the challenges? Possible solutions?**

**8. New CDE Teacher Renewal Licensure Requirements: (5 minutes)**

* **Do you know there are additional requirements?**
* **What is needed for training and on-going professional development?**
* **What are the current state requirements?**
* **What are the new state requirements?**
* **Where can additional information be found?**

**9. Wrap-Up: (5 minutes)**

* **What are the next steps?**
* **What resources are available?**
* **What can Colorado DKG do? What can chapters do?**
* **How can you be involved?**
* **Chapter Action Plan to be developed and implemented 2020-2021!**

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