



COLORADO
Department of Education

Education and the COVID-19 Pandemic

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CDE's Role in the COVID-19 Response

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Coordinate with the Governor's Office and other state agencies and provide the public with simple, accurate and timely information that will save lives.

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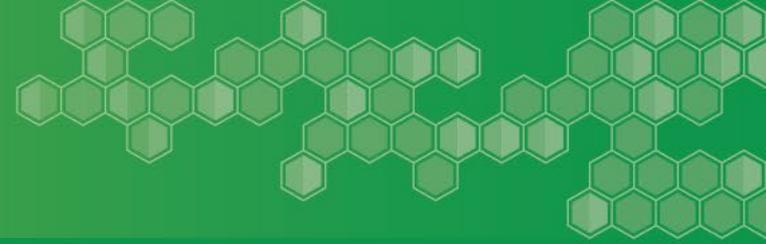
Support schools, districts and families with clear guidance on safety and remote learning.

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Make immediate decisions on necessary changes to education policy, and advise the Governor, Legislature, State Board on more long-term changes that may be needed.



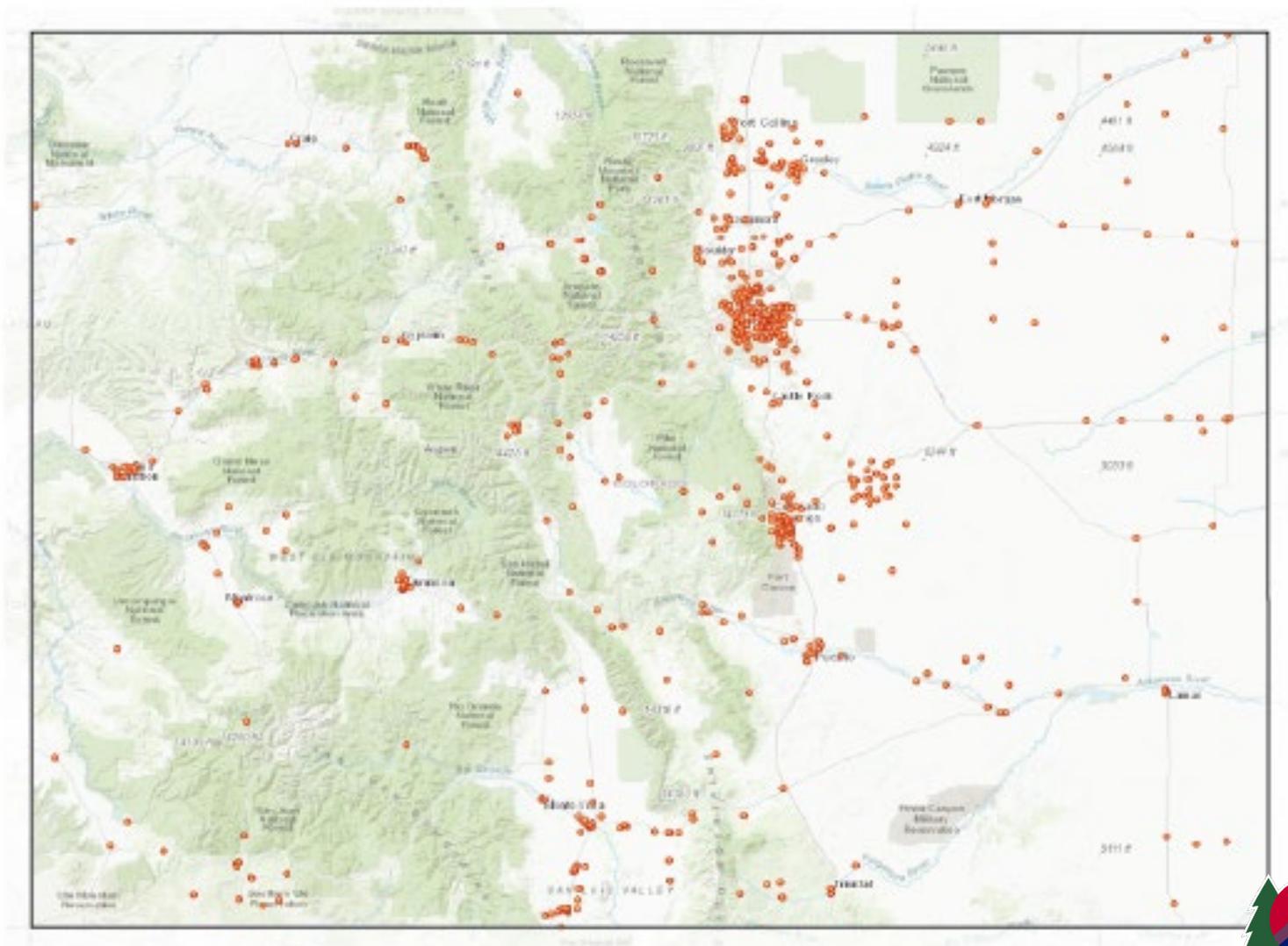
Three Phases of Response



PHASE I	Ensuring Health and Safety	March 2020 and ongoing
PHASE II	Supporting Learning at Home; Wellness & Connection	March through May 2020
PHASE III	Restarting	Summer and Fall 2020



Emergency Feeding Programs



- Assessments
- Accountability
- Instruction Time
- Educator Effectiveness
- Federal Programs
- Finance
- READ Act
- Grant Programs



- School Closure (with CDPHE)
- Learning at Home
- Graduation
- Use of TABOR Reserves
- Supporting Students with Special Needs
- Well-Being and Connection
- Summer School
- School Re-start





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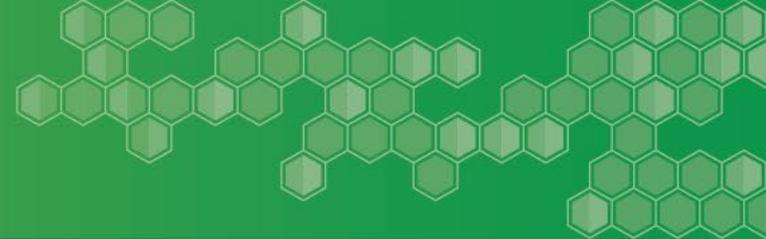
Colorado Education Initiative

Needs analysis
completed among
districts

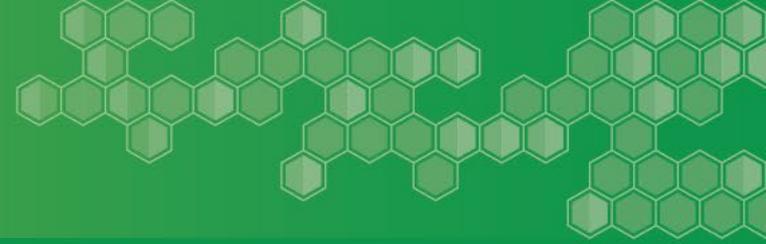
Three
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needs

- Technology
- Community needs
- Support for ongoing learning

Need for learning supports will
continue through fall semester



- State Budgets
 - Will be dramatically affected- we don't fully know the impact yet.
- Federal CARES Act- \$121 Million for K-12 (Administered by CDE) and \$213 Million higher education in Colorado
 - CDE has 30 days to submit an application from April 23
 - USDOE has said they will turn around our application in 3 days and \$ will start flowing directly after that
 - Up to 12 M for SEA set aside. \$604,969 for administration
 - Any activity authorized under ESEA, IDEA, Perkins, or McKinney-Vento, and
 - Many other activities to help with the response to COVID-19 (including preparedness and response efforts, sanitation, professional development, distance learning, and others).



GEERS (Gov Education Emergency Relief Fund) – Administered by Governors. \$44 Million for CO for both K-12 and HE

- Emergency support to those LEAs that the SEA deems most significantly affected by coronavirus,
- Emergency support to IHEs the Governor determines are most significantly impacted by coronavirus, and
- Support to any other IHE, LEA, or education-related entity within the state that the Governor deems essential for carrying out educational services.
- ED estimates a 3 day window from when they receive our application to when we receive funds



Thank You

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