

ASBO INTERNATIONAL'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19



ASBO International, in addition to sharing information and resources to support its members during this difficult time, is working with its Legislative Advisory Committee, education coalition partners, and federal officials to advocate on the federal level for flexibilities and assistance for schools impacted by COVID-19.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS:

- Asking the United States Department of Education (USED) for guidance to states, districts, and schools on responding to COVID-19 in support of students, staff, and communities during school closures.
- Advocating for E-Rate flexibilities and extra funding to ensure students affected by school closures have adequate Internet access while learning from home, i.e. addressing digital equity concerns such as the "homework gap."
- Advocating for nationwide USDA waivers/flexibilities and extra funding to help school districts serve students healthy and nutritious meals during school closures.
- Advocating for targeted, narrow IDEA flexibilities to help districts provide for all students during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Maintaining ongoing conversations with federal agencies and officials, including USED and White House staff, to discuss additional federal supports needed for states and schools.
- Sharing ASBO International's policy brief with the Biden Administration, highlighting ways district leaders and lawmakers can partner to address the many challenges facing schools during COVID-19 and beyond.
- Use these resources to advocate for your schools:
 - ASBO International's K-12 Policy Recommendations for A New Administration
 - ASBO International's COVID-19 Survey Report: How Are School Districts Investing Federal Emergency Relief Funds to Address COVID-19?

Note: For anyone interested in joining ASBO International, a new District Membership option is available.