



# Is Your District Prepared for Remote Learning?

*Panel discussion facilitated by Dr. Christopher Harrington*

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**Dr. Christopher Harrington**

*Director of Michigan Virtual Learning Research Institute*

# The focus for today...

*Discuss the challenges and pressures that impact the design and effectiveness of K-12 remote learning programs.*

*Discuss how schools and districts could approach the process of planning for the 2021-22 school year.*



# Meet the Panelists



**George Rierson**

*Superintendent*

*Unionville-Sebewaing Area School District*



**Kevin Karr**

*Executive Director, Teaching and Learning*

*Ann Arbor Public Schools*



**John Hood**

*Superintendent*

*Okemos Public Schools*



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*Dean – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade*

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# A look back to Spring 2020...

**What did the rapid shift to  
emergency teaching and learning  
feel like in March 2020?**

**How did school leaders approach  
the continuity of learning during this  
unprecedented time?**



# Preparing for the 2020-21 school year...

What core principles or factors  
guided school leaders' decisions on  
how schools should open at the  
start of this school year?



# Preparing for the 2020-21 school year...

**What were some of the challenges and pressures school leaders and their teams experienced as they prepared for the current school year? What did it feel like for school leaders?**

**How did these challenges and pressures impact the actual launch of the school year?**



# Moving forward...

**What lessons are we learning as the start of our current school year unfolds?**

**How can these lessons be applied to plan for success throughout the remainder of this school year as well as for the start of the 2021-22 school year?**





# Moving forward...

**As we all move forward in planning for the next school year, what specifically can school board members do to help ensure the success of remote learning programs?**





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# Questions?

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# Resources from *Michigan Virtual*

- Digital content for schools from *Michigan Virtual* courses
- Professional learning and training resources for teachers
- Webinar series for teachers and school leaders
- *Learning Continuity: A Planning Guide for School Leaders*

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# Thank You!

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