

Covid 19 Retrospective - Looking in the Mirror

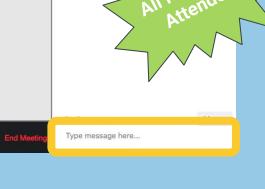
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COVID-19 Webinar Series

Share your name, role, and district

What is one thing that you would go back and **do over again** in the last week? And why?

Put your response in the chat box.



Chat



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Access today's slides: bit.ly/EERetro



Our Agenda

Being a Responsive Org

What is a Retrospective?

Our EE Retrospective

- Teaming
- Information Sharing
- Decision Making

How you can do this too



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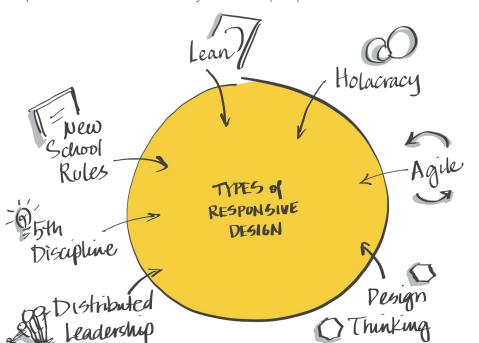
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What is a responsive organization?

"Responsive Organizations are built to learn and respond rapidly through the open flow of information; encouraging experimentation and learning on rapid cycles; and organizing as a network of employees, customers, and partners motivated by shared purpose."



-- Responsive.org Manifesto

Responsive is also known as B Corp, Beta, Emergent, Exponential, Open, Participatory, Teal

There are ~2,000 responsive orgs out of 3 million companies (with 10+ employees) in the world.

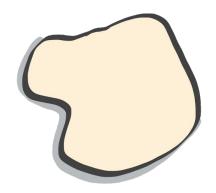


The Shape of Our Organization



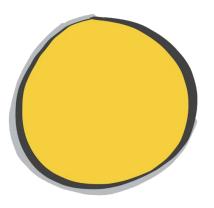
2010 - 2013

- EE founded as a product company
- Using lean startup method
- Top down objectives
- Managed with certainty
- Focus on scalability



2014 - 2016

- EE shifting to more services, less product focus
- Incorporate design thinking + agile thinking
- Reacting to rapid changes
- Noticed limits of hierarchy



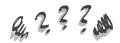
2017 - Today

- EE transitions fully to be a consulting company with a partner structure
- Embracing uncertainty
- Shift to self-managed structures with holacracy and responsive org design



Our theory of action is guided by three levels of change

WHERE WE WERE



OUR ORGANIZATION was struggling to adapt to uncertainty.



OUR TEAMS were working in silos.



OUR PEOPLE were passive learners.

WHERE WE ARE GOING



OUR ORGANIZATION will organize to adapt to uncertainty.



OUR TEAMS will be more collaborative.



OUR PEOPLE will be active learners.

If our org
design is
more
responsive,
then...



How we live out being a Responsive Organization @ EE

Roles + Accountabilities
are assigned based on...

PURPOSE + PEOPLE'S

PASSIONS





Decision Making is...

EMPOWERING,

EFFICIENT,

EFFECTIVE



Projects are...

ADAPTIVE



What did this mean for us when faced with COVID 19?

	Where are our team members (since we have so much travel)?		
	How do we know how they are doing and feeling?		
OUR PEOPLE	How should we to collaborate as a team differently now?		
	How do we engage with our clients in a meaningful way? What client work is planned for the coming weeks?		
OUR TEAMS	How might we continue to support our clients with their new needs?		
	What new work needs to get done right now?		
OUR ORGANIZATION What can we put on the back burner - but should be addressed			

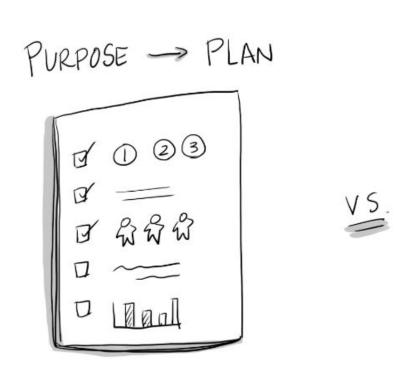


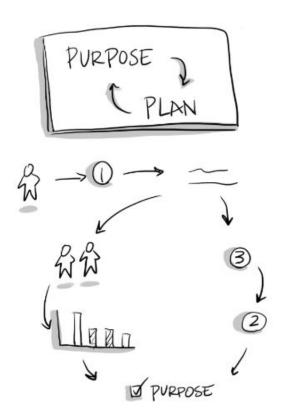
Responding to COVID-19 required execution QUICKLY

PHASE		Typical EE Project	COVID19
INITIATION	Kickoff meeting, define the theme, set clear expectations; Green light project	Days	Hours
PLANNING	Create sprints, roadmaps, roles, and SMART goals	Weeks	Hours
EXECUTION	Implementation phase, regularly hold meetings, report progress, and adjust	Months	Weeks
CLOSURE	Evaluate success of the project, what went well, what was challenging	Months	TBD



We leaned on Rapid Iteration







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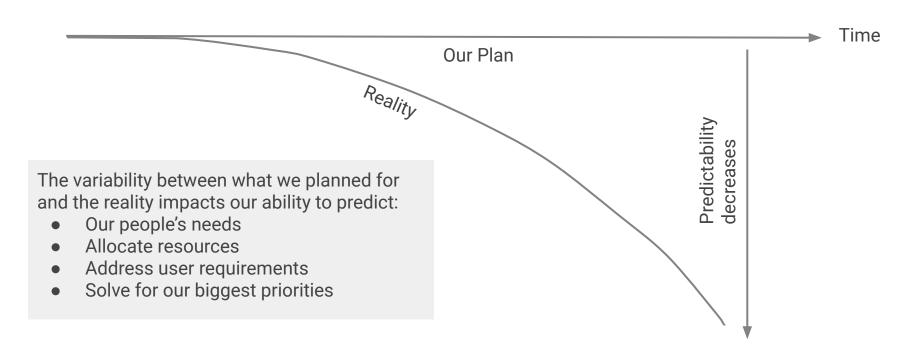
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Over time, our ability to predict future needs decreases



This is exacerbated in times of crisis



What is a Retrospective

At set time intervals throughout a project, we create a safe space to reflect on and discuss what worked well and what didn't so that we can improve.

We focus the conversation and data collection on what enabled / prevented our team from hitting work goals so that we can understand broadly:

What should we continue doing?

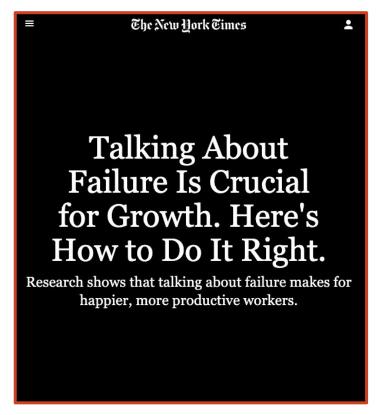
What should we stop doing?

What should we start doing?

This information is then used to **pivot** our approach - adopting new action steps, adjusting our roles and responsibilities, improving our processes, etc.



Why do we take a look at what worked and what didn't?



"Taking the time to reflect on and communicate about unwanted outcomes can go a long way in creating more congenial, trusting and ultimately productive workplaces."

- Frame it in a question + hypothesis changes the tone
- Discussion prevents replication
- Complexity reduces blame and increases learning



Our Retrospective Mindset, based on our Leadership Competencies



KNOW YOURSELF



NURTURE TRUST



CULTIVATE CURIOSITY



COMMUNICATE CONSTANTLY



LISTEN DEEPLY



DECIDE DELIBERATELY



Asks questions and listens to learn, empathize, reflect, and illuminate insights



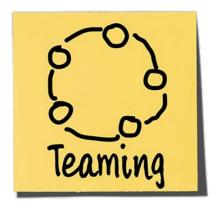
Understands how personal experiences, values, and strengths impact leadership philosophy, practices, and interactions



Seeks out and models ways for self and others to constantly ask questions, learn, and share



We focus today on these three "rules" to undercover ways to improve our support of our people, our teams and our clients.



Build Trust and Allow Authority to Spread

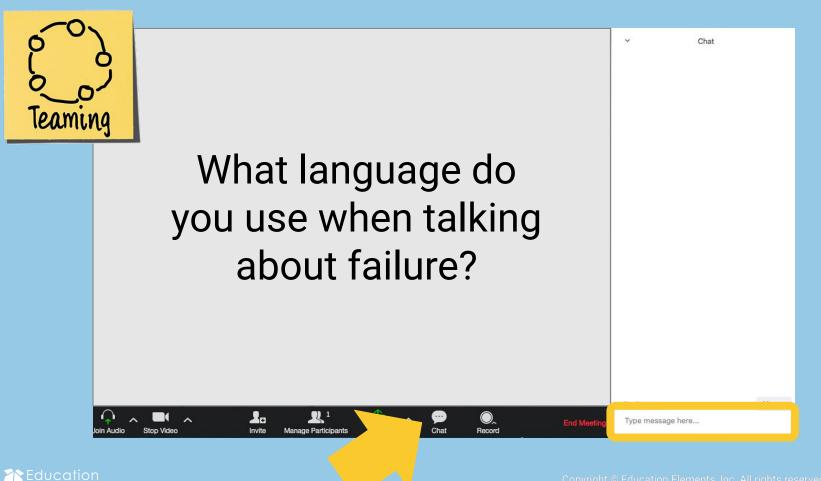


Harness the Flow and Let Information Go



Aim for "Safe Enough to Try" versus Consensus





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"4 Rocks" to define and distribute the work

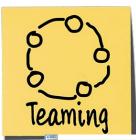
Deepen Relevance to Our Current Clients



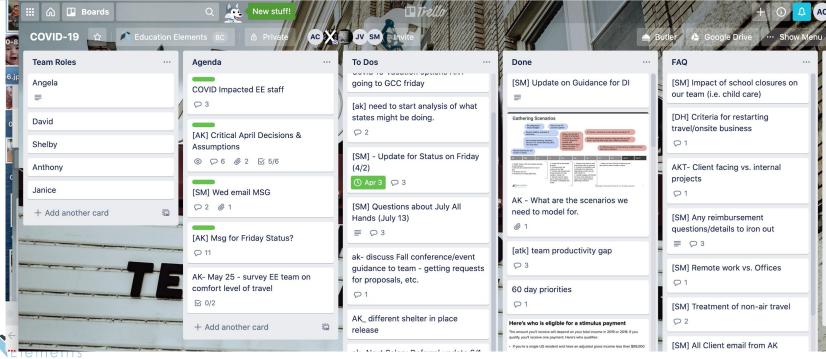
Expand Our Network

Readiness for COVID Pivot





COVID-19 Taskforce - breaking down the work





Adjusted Meetings for COVID-19 Response

FIVE TYPES OF MEETINGS

MENTOR	INFO	TACTICAL	STRATEGY	GOVERNANCE
1-1 or small group meetings focused on learning and development	Project, team, or org-wide "status" meetings focused on sharing info about the work being done	Project or team meetings focused on moving the work forward	Project or team meetings focused on doing the work (analyzing, planning, brainstorming, etc.)	Meetings that set the policy that will guide current and future work

PDA convos and Personal Reach Outs Friday - Sync All Company Weekly Status COVID Taskforce 2x Weekly

1x Weekly at Company wide Governance



Weds - Async Email



Adjusted Meetings for COVID-19 Response







What went well?

- We didn't need to convene as many people at once. People are able to move in and out as necessary → like a movie set.
- Creating new teams to focus on strategy allowed for existing teams to work tactically to address needs.

What did we learn?

- How can we organize our team for what people enjoy + what they are good at when there is new work. This requires us to understand the skills and strengths of our people and be creative on how to leverage that.
- Some people on our team were flexible + other people need more support. Those who needed more support were stronger in more stable roles.





How is it reshaping us?

Bringing this way of working to our clients

Example Teams Convo with Client

RESPONSE & RECOVERY PROCESS							
Bucket of Work	Short Term Response	2019 - 2020 SY Close Out	2020 - 20201 SY Start Up				
Purpose	Problem solving as crisis-related issues emerge in the first 90 days post-event.	Addressing normal district operations through the end of the current SY.	Addressing long-term strategic decisions related to impact of crisis on the district.				
The Work Areas this bucket will address will include, but are not limited to	Meal coordination & distribution Laptops / 1-1 device distribution and maintenance Social Media Updates Remote Learning Set-Up	Graduation School close-out logistics	Re-entry planning and consideration Continuous Learning Planning Revised School Safety Plan District Culture Reset				
Ideal Team Mindsets Individuals who work w/in this 'bucket' are	 Flexible, and agile collaborators Highly responsive and adaptable to change 	 Detail-oriented 'Nuts and bolts' thinkers Possessinstitutional knowledge of district policies and procedures 	Innovative Big-picture thinkers Highly knowledgeable of district and community landscape				









How is it reshaping us?Circles + Who in Involved

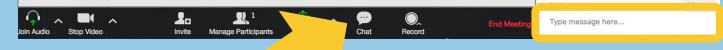
Example of Meeting Structure for H&H Circle

Meeting Structure Example of Links to other circles for Week 1 Week 2 Week 3 Week 4 Pivot with Covid Team Health & Happiness People Ops Responsive/Learning People Ops Org Meeting Meeting Meeting Meeting LINK - Services. Recovery Guides LINKS - Market Research, IMPACT 1 hr 30 min 30 min This will end, but we will never forget Keeping us 'On Trend' since 2020 Accountabilities PROJECT: Works across service lines to Investigates research questions Attendees: David. Megan. Attendees: Monica Pam Attendees: Megan, Jill. Attendees: Monica create "Recovery Guide" Gathers insights from DI + Partners from Monica, Pam, Shelby Shelby Monica, Pam, Shelby Shelby - Long term - Service Line Lead convos with clients + prospects Accountabilities Covered: Accountabilities Covered: Accountabilities Covered: Accountabilities Co - Maintaining a hiring process - Maintaining a hiring pr - Ensuring people operations - Create opportunities for all Design Challenger, LINK - DI Virtual Delivery are supporting the company's that attracts and selects our individuals to successfully that attracts and selects Think BIG and LOUD and in NEON Beam me up, EE grow, develop and support best people and is drive **Pivot With Covid** mission and values best people and is driven by Accountabilities Accountabilities - Measuring and maintaining cultural contribution instead of themselves and their teams cultural contribution ins - PROJECT: Virtual Conference - PROJECT: EE-wide design high levels of employee - Ensuring everyone has - Designs + tests out new Circle satisfaction - Ensuring that all employees opportunities to collaborate - Ensuring that all emplo - Amps up the voices delivery methods have their administrative needs and access to the information have their administrative attended to (leave, benefits, and resources they need attended to (leave, bene LINKS - PCC, Learning Org LINK - Marketing approvals, HR support. approvals. HR support. Always be hustling Sails swiftly thru internet channels technology, etc.) technology, etc.) Accountabilities - Align with prospects + opportunities Designs and launches campaigns Tests out new thoughts + messages that support post-covid work Education - Connects across circles Shares ways to amplify messages LINK - G2 Circle Lead + LINK - MPP Follow that money! Share requirements for grant funding - Brings in the Covid Response Team + MPP perspective - Aligns our post-covid work w/potential funding sources - Keeps train moving forward





What's one way your teams are collaborating differently now that you are virtual?





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- Spread of misinformation comes from:
 - Limited access to information
 - Overreaching misinterpretation
- We are **both** providers and receivers of information:
 - As providers, figure out the best way to engage receivers
 - As receivers, pay attention to the information according to its purpose, ask for more information, and seek clarity



5 Key Parts of Messages (Jeff Bezos + Amazon)

Start with the brutal truth.

"This isn't business as usual, and it's a time of great stress and uncertainty. It's also a moment in time when the work we're doing is its most critical."

2. Set the stakes and express gratitude.

"We're providing a vital service to people everywhere, especially to those, like the elderly, who are most vulnerable. People are depending on us."

3. Manage expectations.

"I'm sad to tell you I predict things are going to get worse before they get better."

4. Address the obvious problem.

"When our turn for masks comes, our first priority will be getting them in the hands of our employees and partners working to get essential products to people."

5. Promise a singular focus.

"Wholly focused on COVID-19 and on how Amazon can best play its role."





How did we respond? Sharing Messages

SMALL GOOD TO KNOW

Sharing updates related to pandemic, with links and articles to learn more

E.g. Updates on our Districts, What's in the News

Slack Channels



MEDIUM IMPACT

Messages that impact team members on their day-to-day work and how to do work

E.g. Policy updates on travel, PTO

Weekly Emails + Team Updates

LARGE AWARENESS

Messages with high risk if misinformation, with impact to all of our team members.

E.g. Company financials, FMLA

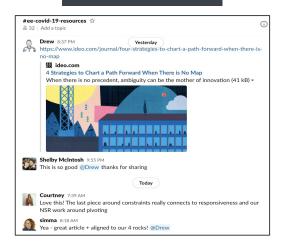


All Company, In person Messages



How did we respond? Sharing Messages

SMALL





MEDIUM

Internal EE Partner Team Weekly Updates COVID-19

April 24 * April 17 * April 10 * April 3 * March 27 * All COVID Resources

April 24th Weekly Recap and Looking at Next Week

Creative Team Work from this Week #InnovateAndIterate #CelebrateSuccess

- Equity Digital Dialogue every Thursday starting 4/23 from 2-3 pm EST with Dave, Natalie H, Crystal and 10
 leaders to have deep and judgment free conversations around equity in schools anchored in data points.
 - Week 1: What lasting changes do you think COVID-19 will bring our economy, education system, and/or funding structures?
- Jill and Jason created a NC and SC "Thought Leader Cohort Collaborative Conversation". They
 specifically chose who they invited from different districts in NC and SC that was a mixture of clients and
 potential-clients. The cohort will meet once a week for the next four weeks to connect, collaborate, and
 learn from each other. Learn more here: Link to website.

Resources to Share, Positive Deposits in the Cup #NeverStopLearning

- We hosted our first <u>Virtual Personalized Learning Academy in SC</u> and even though the turnout was not
 what we expected, we did get two potential leads and learned a lot for our next virtual sessions. The team
 has shared these learnings with the events circle. To watch <u>Jamie (Saaps's 15 minute keynote click here.</u>
- . There were quite a few EE-Led Webinars hosted this past week with awesome attendance!
 - COFFEE CHAT: PL within #remotelearning plans (15 registered, 6 attended)
 - WEBINAR: Communicating through the Next Phase of Remote Learning (120 registered, 27 attended)

Learning Opportunities Next Week #NeverStopLearning #BringJoyToYourWork

- . EE Led Webinars next week you can share or sign up to attend: April 27- May 1st
 - Webinar April 27, 1:00 PM CT: Building A Strong Culture in Times of Change (for Teachers)
 - Webinar April 29, 11:00 AM CT: Sharing A Moment of Calm with Educators: Meditation & Self-Care Tips
 - Webinar April 29, 1:00 PM CT: Building & Sustaining Responsive Virtual Cultures as a Coach
 - o Webinar April 30, 1:00 PM CT: Creating Culture, Connections and Community for District Leaders

Quick Reminders #InvestInEachOthe





What went well?

- Our team appreciated transparency + continuous flow of information
- We created many opportunities (repeat, reinforce, restate) to engage with information and ask questions
- Sharing different kinds of information in different ways for the team to digest

What did we learn?

- Importance of shared information in real time even when we don't know the answers.
- Benefits of talking about the stuff that people are thinking but may be afraid to ask. Helps to control the back channels and misinformation across the organization.
- We need to trust one another





How is it reshaping us? Market Research Team

Natalie

Strategies

Emerging Leaders

District Reopening

In the News Update: Week of May 4th, 2020 (due Wed evening)

Ed Tech/Consulting

Andreea

More organizations are looking to provide reopening quidance. AEI released a six-section blueprint they co-authored with education leaders across the country (sections: school operations, whole child supports, school personnel, academics, distance learning, and general considerations).

Equity is coming to the forefront of some plans. In Getting Smart's 10-Point Plan, equity is addressed with each point. WestEd has created a webinar series on how to strategically use resources (e.g., CARES Act funding) to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the most in need and vulnerable students.

In related news, the American Federation of Teachers shared "A Plan to Safely Reopen America's Schools and Communities, UNICEF released a

Follow the Money Trauma Informed/SEL We are starting to see money come in for some states and will need to keep an eve out for insights into allocations. Some examples: VDOE has outlined potential prepare for 2020-2021. uses for funding and district allotments with their Continuity for Blueprints for school Learning Task Force and reopening call for needs Return to Schooling assessments of student Recovery Task Force. and faculty/staff needs There is a database for Illness, isolation, and

totals but no insight into together with learning how it's being used. lost due to school Louisiana plans to focus closures might \$51M on minority-serving exacerbate depression and domestic violence, so schools. schools should Blended learning is incorporate SEL for coming up in budget students and adults in their plans for re-opening. talks. Austin is looking at putting \$22M toward BL Hybrid Models tech, San Diego is

considering shifting to BL,

Boston schools have

developed a plan that

shifts to a blended

CA districts with funding

economic uncertainty

Blueprints for school

reopening detail the

consider: utilizing

things schools need to

Megan

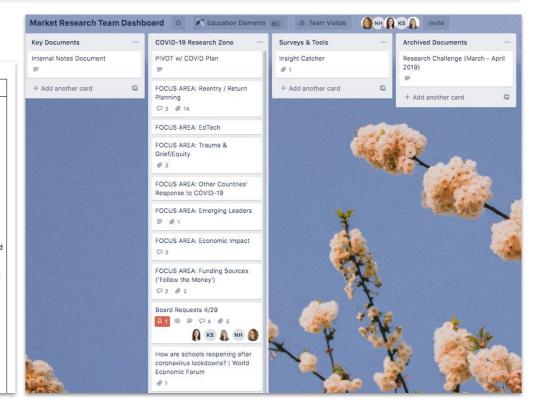
As schools look toward reopening, attention to SEL and community building made Getting Smart's list of 10 things districts should be considering as they

As a COVID-19 vaccine's release date remains uncertain, health officials are encouraging district leaders to prepare for an atypical school year in 2020-2020, and possibly into the 2021-2022 SY.

In Alabama, the superintendent released a tentative timeline for phased reentry this week, with Phase 1 beginning in June 2020 - children 13 and older may return to campuses for sports practices. Younger students could begin returning for literacy campus in July.

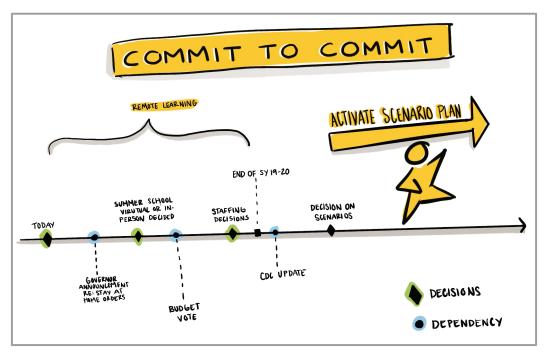
In Vietnam, schools have

reopened after three months. All students must wear masks students' temperatures are scanned as they enter school, and





How is it reshaping us? Commit to Commit Timeline

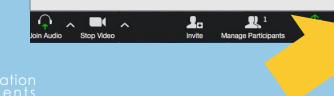






Is there a message you have avoided communicating?

If so, why?





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How did we respond?

What decisions do we need to make? What do we value?

Our People

How do we maintain our team + avoid laying off any EE team members?

Our Company

How will we ensure we are able to survive the grounding period?

Our Clients

How will we continue serve our clients and deliver promised work?





How did we respond? Started with a Pulse Check

Our People

How are you doing? What do you need from us?

Are you engaging with your client partners?

Our Company

What did we commit to deliver in the next 90 days?

How can we deliver the work virtually? And update our processes to support that?

Our Clients

Initial plans to respond to COVID-19?

How can we continue to support you?





How did we respond? Pulse Check

Based on the survey results, we identified ways to check in on specific individuals for continued support.

How are ya fEEling?

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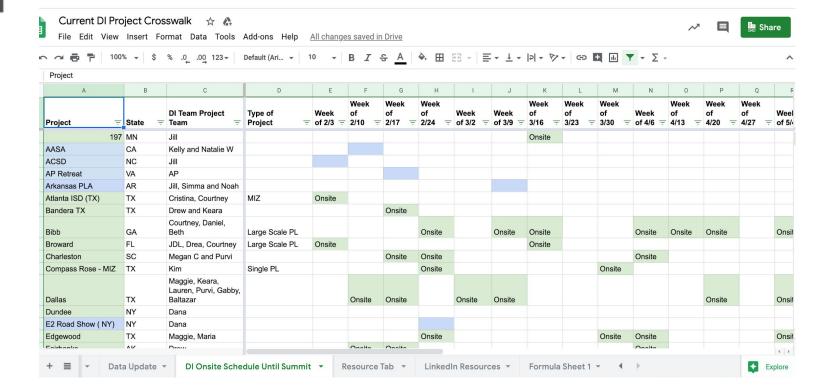
Your answer

car	uld love to learn about your current state, knowing it can change, so that we n provide support across the company. And we'd love to hear about any othe lings- please share below! *
	I'm mostly feeling okay- making some adjustments but generally have a sense of where to spend my time and how to work
	I'm feeling pretty confused about what to prioritize and how to spend my time and would love some guidance
	I'm feeling pretty overwhelmed personally and/or professionally and would love some individual support
	Other:





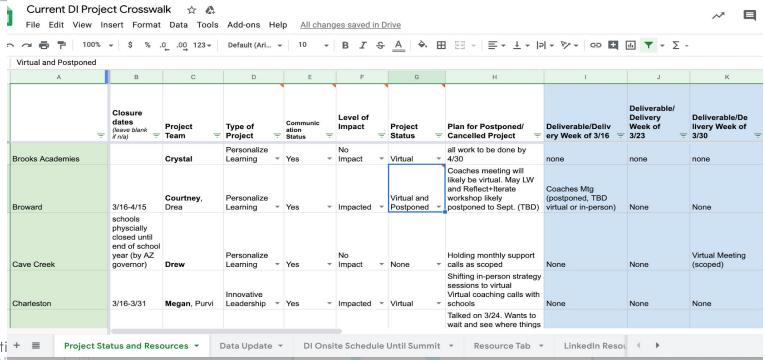
How did we respond? Real-Time with Clients







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Current Client Project Status

	Week of									
Projects	3/9	3/16	3/23	3/30	4/6	4/13	4/20	4/28	5/7	5/12
Highly impacted	8	10	11	10	9	6	6	8	8	6
No impact	32	33	27	27	27	27	27	28	28	30
Requesting Additional Time	7	10	10	5	3	3	2	2	2	2
Postponed/can celled onsites	7	9	9	6	6	6	5	4	4	4
Shifting to virtual	21 (31%)	25 (37%)	26 (39%)	38 (57%)	40 (60%)	41 (61%)	42 (63%)	43 (66%)	43 (66%)	44 (67)





What went well?

- Organized around a few, highest leverage questions. Rapidly built a structure (and rebuilt) to capture the data
- Guided practice on how to answer questions + input data

What did we learn?

- Information comes in phases, we needed to be fluid in how we asked questions and captured the data
- Not every client was ready to talk at the same time geographically, size, type of project, leadership qualities.
- One size won't fit all captured resources and tools to share options with clients





How is it reshaping us?

Immediate Needs through Webinars + Repurposing Work

Internal Guidance

COVID-19 - Guidelines for DI Team client communication and delivery

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to the DI team on how to communicate with clients about COVID-19, and options for modified delivery.

This document is meant as a supplement to our overall company policy, which can be found here.

This is an internal document only - do not share outside EE.

Table of Contents

- Decision Guidance
- Communication Guidance
- Suggested Ideas for Revamping or Repurposing Work
- EE Thought Leadership

Decision Guidance

What should I know about my client(s) and their COVID-19 policies to inform my decisions?

All consultants should be aware of any policy changes at the client site and should understand the client's decision-making process and timeline. Consultants should confirm with clients that they are still comfortable with us coming to them with some onsite modifications (no shared supplies, etc - see company COVID-19 quidelines).

External Leadership

On-Demand Webinars



LEADERSHIP:



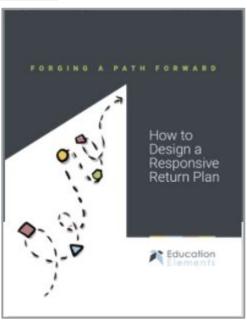
- How COVID-19 has Exposed Education in Equities, Panel Discussion hosted by Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents
- Focusing on What is Important to Students Right Now by Jaime Casap & David Hardy
- . Leading Through Uncertainty Sharing Information
- · Leading Through Uncertainty: Decision-Making
- · Leading Through Uncertainty: Planning for Change, Not Perfection
- · Building Innovative Structures Within Distance Learning Constraints
- Equity and School Closings
- · Trauma-Informed Leadership





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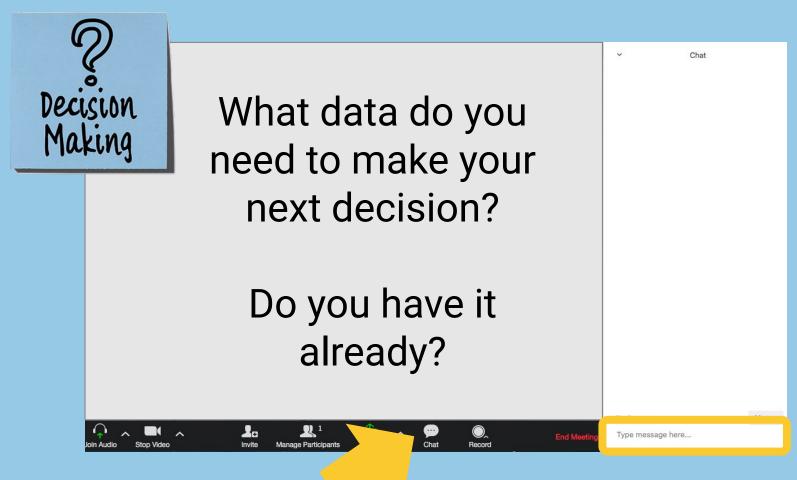
Adjust our services as we plan for the future



Our list of services will change...

Student-Centered Learning	Leadership Development and Capacity Building	District Strategy			
Personalized Learning	Organizational Leadership	State-Wide Initiative & Consortia			
Competency-Based	Innovative Leadership				
Education	Competencies	Innovation Zones			
Instructional Model Design	Teams and Culture	Strategic Planning & Refresh			
Learning Walks	Teacher Retention	Initiative Alignment			
Personalized Learning		Curriculum Adoption			
Benchmark					
About our PL Methodology					







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Here are some resources to continue on your own path -

LEARN



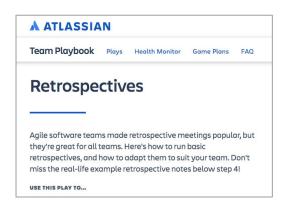
Read this blog post for self-inquiry <u>3 Ways to Tell You</u> Lead ...

PRACTICE



Create a message sharing document, like our Weekly Info Roundup

LEAD



Use <u>our slides</u> + this <u>protocol</u> to lead your own retrospective





VIRTUAL EVENTS 2020

Go Here to Learn More and Register: bit.ly/virtual-events-2020

MAY 13 - 14

Designing Student-Centered Learning

JUNE 3 - 4

Responsive Team Habits in the Age of COVID-19

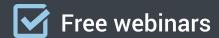
JUNE 16 - 18

Designing Schools for Learning Continuity Conference

EDUCATING THROUGH COVID-19



Addressing The Widespread Impact of Coronavirus on Schools















Leadership

Virtual Learning

Equity and Access





Teacher Recruitment, Retention & Self-Care

Operations, Meetings, and Logistics