PowerSchool During the Time of COVID-19

During these unprecedented times, we have seen our way of life and education make drastic changes. Though things have changed, PowerSchool's commitment to keeping education moving forward has remained. By adapting the technology to help serve the division level, classroom teachers, students and parents, PowerSchool over the last 6 months has focused on these three themes:

- Robust Remote Operations
- Increased Knowledgebase
- Enhance Communication

I. Robust Remote Technology

Hosting: During the lockdown we had 11 divisions move to Hosting. This improves security, decreases hardware costs and allows your resources to focus on other technical needs in the division**. Hosting Details**

Social Emotional Learning Surveys:
Embedded free SEL Item bank to measure and report on the health and well-being of students.

Enhancements in Schoology
Partnered with the VDOE and Virtual Virginia to offer Virtual Virginia classes
While all other providers cut back in staffing, Schoology increased to better serve.

II. Increased Knowledge Base

Remote PSUs: The world class PowerSchool training not only continued online, but this allowed attendees to gain access to the information of all classes and not just the ones attended.

Free Webinars: To better prepare our Virginia divisions for the rigors of remote, distance learning. PowerSchool brought in educational thought leaders from around the country to help enhance knowledge and share tips and tricks to managing learning in a remote setting regardless of the platform used.

- **Achievement Practices** : Several really nice offerings this month to help make better use of your data, enhance leadership skills and drive increased student learning.

- **Online Content geared toward remote learning, compliance, and certification (click here to learn more):** Our Professional Learning tool users now have access to a Premium Content Library, offering thousands of courses for district staff to access at any time. During this pandemic, districts have asked for a way to assign online courses, allow

teachers and district leaders to learn at their leisure, and award credit to those who've completed the content, just like you would with your homegrown offerings.

- **PD+** : Great resource for your entire organization. This allows open choice, included training on SIS, PM and more. It can be open for anyone to simply do or it can be assigned. Courses include video, documentation and proficiency tests. Completed courses offer a certificate of completion.

III. Enhanced Communication

Forms : Forms allows you to communicate, survey and reach parents, students and teachers via the portal to identify needs, health and all those things that pop up. This plug-in is an easy to use solution that can tie into validation fields, allow reporting, and keeps information safe as it is tied to the portal.

Digital Document Delivery: In a safe and secure setting share your object reports, progress reports and report cards without the cost of paper and ink and maintain social distancing with reliable communication.

Online Registration: PowerSchool opened up the tool box and helped to expedite divisions around Virginia in their need to quickly move forward and add online Registration to help with only the new back to school format, but to go back and assist in the missed kindergarten round ups that were missed due to the lockdown.

Remote Hiring: Form the ability to recruit, interview, track and onboard. Unified Talent has found a way to bring in the talent that best fits your division needs.

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