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Report Estimates 1 to 3 Million Students Missing From School Since March, But Data on Disrupted Learning is 'At Best a Moving Target'

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(John Moore/Getty Images)

TALKING POINTS

- “There is not enough public recognition of the serious challenges facing America’s most vulnerable students at this moment or of the consequences if millions continue to be disconnected.” — @HaillyKorman, @bonnierok & Matt Repka of @bellwethered
- If just 10% of students in California’s high-risk student groups haven’t attended school since March, that would amount to 200,000 students — the size of a large metro school district, according to new report from @bellwethered

“MISSING” STUDENTS?

Children in foster care

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New Homes, New Schools, Endless Delays. For Students in Foster Care, Pandemic Only Adds to the Chaos



Danielle Downs, left, an education specialist for the nonprofit Treehouse, takes a selfie with Alexis, a 2020 graduate. The organization provided financial support to help with senior year expenses. (Danielle Downs, Treehouse)

Homeless students

‘No One Knew We Were Homeless’: New Relief Funds Fuel Efforts to Find Students Lost During Virtual School



Portia and 13-year-old Quentin bounced back and forth between a homeless shelter and a one-bedroom apartment they shared with her mother last year, but his school was unaware of the disruption in the boy's life. (Liberty Life Church)

New roles for staff members

Nashville's 'Navigator' Tries to Keep Students in Remote Learning From Getting Lost in the System



The Metro Nashville Public Schools Navigator program has helped homeless liaison Catherine Knowles, center, identify families experiencing housing insecurity. (Metro Nashville Public Schools)

Chronic absenteeism

‘Try Everything to Find Them’: Districts Launch New Efforts to Get Chronically Absent 9th Graders Back in Class



Isaiah Jacobs is a student engagement specialist at Weaver High School in the Hartford Public Schools. The district added the position at several schools before the pandemic, but high chronic absenteeism rates last year have elevated the importance of the role. (Hartford Public Schools)

Pandemic response:
tutoring

“We don’t think tutoring is just for a COVID response. If it’s the right thing to do now, it’s the right thing to do later.”

- Keri Randolph, MNPS

Parents' expectations

Districts Are Receiving Billions for Academic Recovery, But Some Parents Struggle to Find Tutoring for Their Children



An elementary school student in Metro Nashville Public Schools receives virtual tutoring as part of the district's Accelerating Scholars program. (Metro Nashville Public Schools)

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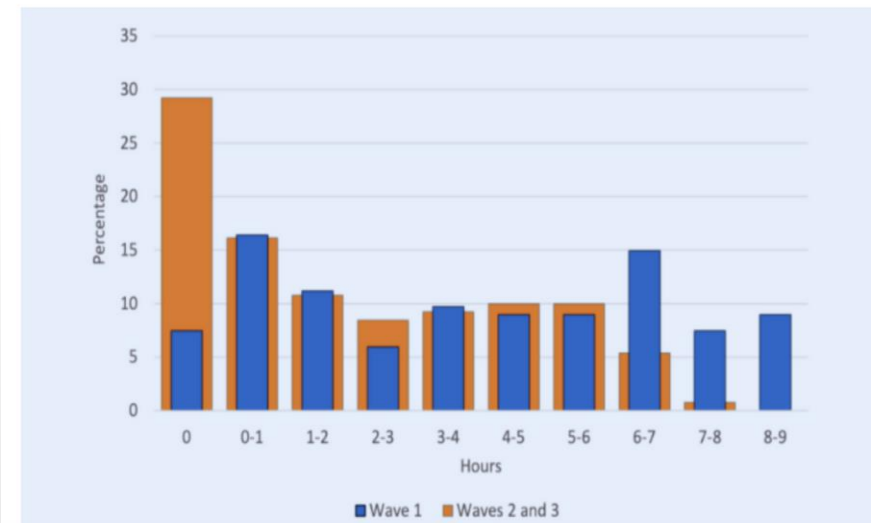


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Scaling up

As Schools Push for More Tutoring, New Research Points to Its Effectiveness — and the Challenge of Scaling it To Combat Learning Loss

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TALKING POINTS

- Tutoring has been welcomed as an answer to COVID learning loss. A new study offers more proof of its effectiveness — but also highlights the challenges of bringing it to scale
- Researcher @MatthewAKraft on the push to expand tutoring: “We might be better off starting off with a small program and building it over time, in a sustainable way — rather than cutting corners or changing the model.”

Parent voice

Challenges:

- The demand to center parents and families in coverage is higher than ever.
- Hard to find parents that are not aligned with a particular “group.”
- Can’t just be “a parent.”

Parents and pods

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An Experiment at the Crossroads: In Year Two, Pandemic Pods 'Find Their Legs' — and Face Their Limitations. Will They Endure Beyond COVID-19?



Community schools and partnerships

'Urgency is Everywhere': 2022 Federal Budget Plan Includes Major Increases for Community Schools, Title I

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Student mental health

- new California law requiring mental health in the curriculum
- SEL/mental health
- surveys on behavior/discipline issues

News Pandemic The Second Pandemic: A Children's Mental Health Crisis

Fearing a 'Second Pandemic' of Student Trauma, School Leaders Are Doubling Down on Mental Health First Aid Training



Dallas principal Ruby Ramirez (Courtesy of Dallas Independent School District)

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Early childhood

- universal pre-K in Congress?
- compulsory attendance laws (Louisiana)
- disappointing results from Tennessee

As Biden Pushes Nation Toward Universal Pre-K, Home-Based Child Care Could Help Fill Gaps in the System. But a New Report Urges Caution



Lily Miller reads to McKenzie Pierpont and Liam Kennison in Chris Nelson's family child care program in North Troy, Vermont. (Chris Nelson)

Accountability

- how many changes will states make to their systems?/report cards?
 - what other measures of school performance/student success will we see?
 - assessment innovation
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In Push to Renew School Accountability, Feds Urge States to Keep Eye on Pandemic's Effects



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