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Virtual learning reports

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Require school districts to report to DPI re: virtual learning and challenges during the PHE.

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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2 emergency.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

Reports on virtual instruction during the public health emergency

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4 (1) VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION; REPORTS.

1 (a) *Definitions.* In this subsection:

2 1. "Department" means the department of public instruction.

3 2. "Public health emergency" means the period during the 2019-20 school year
4 when schools are closed by the department of health services under s. 252.02 (3).

5 3. "Virtual instruction" means instruction provided through means of the
6 Internet if the pupils participating in and instructional staff providing the
7 instruction are geographically remote from each other.

8 (b) *School board reports.* By November 1, 2020, each school board shall report
9 to the department all of the following:

10 1. Whether or not virtual instruction was implemented in the school district
11 during the public health emergency and, if implemented, in which grades it was
12 implemented.

13 2. If virtual instruction was implemented in the school district during the
14 public health emergency, the process for implementing the virtual instruction.

15 3. Any challenges or barriers the school board faced related to implementing
16 virtual instruction during the public health emergency.

17 (c) *Report to the legislature.* By January 1, 2021, the department shall compile
18 and submit the information it received under par. (b) to the appropriate standing
19 committees of the legislature in the manner provided under s. 13.172 (3).

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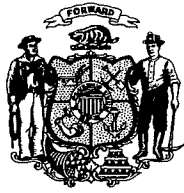
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Telephone call with Christa.

Add to the list of items to be reported:

- Anything the school board did during the summer to help pupils catch up
- For each grade level, the percentage of the spring semester instruction that was delivered to pupils, include both in person and virtual instruction.
- How many staff were laid off, by position type
- The number of lunches provided during the PHE
- Reduced expenditures in each of the following categories:
 - Utilities
 - Transportation
 - Food service
 - Staff (staff reduction)
 - Termination of contracts
- Suggestions for best practices for transitioning to virtual instruction when schools are closed.

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17 3. For each grade level, the average percentage of the 2020 spring semester
18 instruction provided to pupils, including both in-person and virtual instruction.

19 4. Whether anything was provided to pupils during the 2020 summer to help
20 pupils learn content that pupils missed because of the public health emergency and,
21 if so, what was provided to pupils.



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6 6. Any challenges or barriers the school board faced related to implementing
7 virtual instruction during the public health emergency.

8 7. By position type, the number of staff members who were laid off during the
9 public health emergency.

10 8. The number of lunches the school board provided during the public health
11 emergency.

12 9. The total amount by which the school board reduced expenditures during,
13 or because of, the public health emergency in each of the following categories:

14 a. Utilities.

15 b. Transportation.

16 c. Food service.

17 d. Personnel. This category includes expenditure reductions that result from
18 layoffs.

19 e. Contract terminations.

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