



# Coronavirus News & Resources

The East End Counselors Association is sharing the following information from local, state and national organizations as resources for school counselors.

## **East End Counselors Association**

In response to the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus, the East End Counselors Association has cancelled the following events:

- \* ~~Fall General Membership Meeting~~
- \* ~~Fall College Fair at Riverhead High School~~
- \* ~~Winter General Membership Meeting~~

The East End Counselors Association held the following event in a modified format.

- \* **Financial Aid and NCAA Night at Riverhead**



## **American School Counselors Association**

**COVID Updates and Resources:** [Get updates](#) on how the virus affects ASCA members and the school counseling profession, as well as [resources for members](#).

**Race Conversations:** The following ASCA resources can help school counselors ensure ethical, equitable, and inclusive school environments: links to [positions](#), [articles](#), [webinars](#), [research and guidance](#), as well as new ASCA initiatives and programs.

**Helping Students In Troubling Times:** [Here are some suggestions and resources](#) to consider as you provide ongoing support to your students. Before you take any action, review your school and district policies to be sure you don't violate any policies as you help your students. For example, some districts have policies prohibiting faculty from talking about politics with students. In addition, you should consult with your district to discover any guidance or response initiatives it has in place so your actions align with school and district programs.

### **Here's What's New:**

[Upcoming Events and Webinars](#) The latest on career development for students in a month's worth of webinars and sessions. In addition to traditional webinars focused on career development topics, these and others, give you access to a robust set of career your students should know about.

*Tech Tools for School Counselors: Designing Learning and futures 2/11/2021*

*Build a Positive School Culture via a Student Leadership Team 2/16/2021*

*Middle School College and Career program 3/3/2021*

*School Counselor Performance Appraisal 3/8/2021*

#### **New CDC and GLSEN Data**

**Point to Crisis Among LGBTQ Youth:** The Human Rights Campaign Foundation and 23 of its Project Thrive partners, including ASCA, released a [joint statement](#) this week on the importance of youth-serving professional providing LGBTQ youth the support they need to thrive. The statement is in response to the HRC Foundation's analysis of the [Centers for](#)

[Disease Control and Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance \(YRBS\) data](#), which finds that many LGBTQ youth are living in crisis.

## **The New York State Education Department**



**The New York State Education Department** recognizes the COVID-19 outbreak is affecting schools and communities across the state.

The New York State Education Department (NYSED), Office of Special Education is sharing the following new resource released by U.S. Department of Education (USDE) on October 23, 2020.

USDE's [Parent and Family Digital Learning Guide](#) aims to help parents and guardians understand how digital tools can provide tailored learning opportunities, engage students with course materials, encourage creative expression, and enrich the educational experience.

## **Education Technology Resources to Support Students With or At Risk for Disabilities During COVID-19**

A network of special education software and assistive technology developers, researchers, and nonprofits with support from the Department of Education, National Science Foundation, and National Institutes of Health recently released a guide presenting information on [20 Education Technology Resources that are READY NOW to Support Special Education Practitioners and Children and Students with or At Risk for Disabilities](#)

## ***NYSED (COVID-19) Information Page***

The Board of Regents and NYSED are providing information and guidance for P-12 schools, colleges and universities, licensed professionals, adult education programs, and NSED employees in response to the Novel Coronavirus.

**News and Information are [Linked Here](#)**



## ***NYSED Cancels January 2021 Regents***

- NYSED has cancelled the January 2021 administration of the NYS High School Regents Examination Program in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- At this time, the Department has not yet made decisions about the June and August 2021 administrations of Regents Examinations or any of the other State assessment programs.
- Questions may be directed to the Office of State Assessment at 518-474-8220 or [emscassessinfo@nysed.gov](mailto:emscassessinfo@nysed.gov).

***Official announcement and details are [Linked Here](#)***

***Information regarding Elementary State Assessments are [Linked Here](#)***

***Information regarding High School State Assessments are [Linked Here](#)***

## ***P-12 School Guidance***

P-12 school guidance and resources are available from several sources, including NYSED, the U.S. Department of Education, the NYS Department of Health, the CDC, and the NYS Center for School Health

***Official announcement and details are [Linked Here](#)***

### **Additional New York State Resources**

- [NY Department of Health Updates](#)
- [Parents: Supporting Learning During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [NYSED-Talking about COVID-19 with young people](#)
- [Continuity of learning resources](#)
- [NYSED-Talking about COVID-19 with young people](#)

## **New York State School Counselor Association**

The following NYSSCA Resources are posted on the [NYSSCA website](#). Visit them for a complete list of counselor resources.

Elementary School Counselor Resources are found [Here](#)

Middle School Counselor Resources are found [Here](#)

High School Level Counselor Resources are found [Here](#)

### ***Healthy Young Minds Newsletter***

Healthy Young Kids is a newsletter from MHANYS' School Mental health Resource & Training Center. The current edition, which is linked below contains many articles relating to mental health and a return to school.

[Healthy Young Minds](#)



### ***SUNY Virtual Events***

Explore the State University of New York, the campuses, academy programs, application and admissions process, financial assistance, the Excelsior Scholarship and more.

Learn about the Educational Opportunity Program at a virtual Information session.

Explore financial aid programs and opportunities.

Attend a virtual workshop on applying to SUNY campuses

***Official announcement and details are [Linked Here](#)***

### ***NACAC Virtual College Fairs***

NACAC Virtual College Fairs are designed from the ground up as mobile experiences that are intuitive, informative, interactive, and fun. At each Virtual College Fair, more than 600 college and university representatives will be available to talk with students.

***Official announcement and details are [Linked Here](#)***



## SAT and ACT Updates

College Board Updates on SAT and PSAT Related Coronavirus Updates: [click here](#)

College Board Updates on AP Testing: [click here](#)

- [2020-21 AP Updates for Schools Impacted by the Coronavirus](#)

ACT Testing Amid Covid-19 [click here](#)

ACT Covid-19 Resources [click here](#)



## COVID-19 Updates and Resources

### US Government Resources

- [US Dept of Education Covid-19 Info Page](#)
- [CDC Updates](#)
- [Supplemental Fact Sheet Addressing the Risk of COVID-19 in Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Schools While Serving Children with Disabilities](#)

### Other COVID-19 Updates and Resources

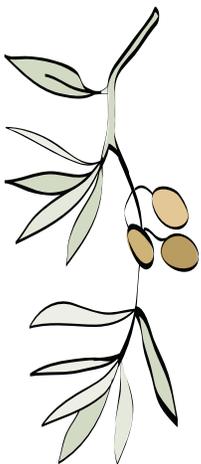
- [National Center for Grieving Children & Families](#)
- [National Center for School Crisis & Bereavement-Covid-19 Resources](#)
- [Protecting Educational Equity During Coronavirus School Closures-EdTrustNY](#)
- [CASEL Resources including CASEL Cares Initiative](#)

- [Question and answers on providing services to children with disabilities during the Coronavirus disease 2019 outbreak](#)
- [Calm.com: Free Resources during the Coronavirus outbreak](#)
- [Understanding Covid-19 Statistics in plain English](#)
- [National Association of School Psychologists Covid-19 Resource Center](#)
- [Lasting Impact on Gen Z](#)

### Family Educational Rights Private Act (FERPA) and Virtual Learning

- [FERPA & COVID-19 FAQs](#)
- [FERPA & COVID-19 FAQs \(Esp\)](#)
- [FERPA & Virtual Learning Resource List](#)

Questions may be submitted to the Student Privacy help desk at [FERPA@ed.gov](mailto:FERPA@ed.gov).



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### Resources From Our Members

Tom Rabbitt is sharing this link to NYSED's [Continuity of Learning website](#) featuring [Staying Connected: Your Stories](#) a collection of the work of individual teachers, district, and BOCES that encourages district-to-district support and collaboration across New York State. Your story might be a one-page account, a video, or pictures showing how your school, your students, and your community are staying connected. Please visit the [Staying Connected](#) page for suggested topics, components, and submission instructions. Please consider sending a copy of "Your Story" to [trabbitt51@gmail.com](mailto:trabbitt51@gmail.com) so we can include it in our newsletter. The following features School Counselor Ryan Barker of Bridgehampton School.

**Last March, when the Bridgehampton School joined other schools in shifting to remote learning as the coronavirus engulfed New York State, Principal Michael Miller sent out a**

video preparing students and staff alike for the disruption in their normal routine that was about to unfold.

Ryan Barker, who is in his third year as elementary school guidance counselor, said he immediately saw an opportunity to bring the school community together by making YouTube videos of the morning announcements that had previously been done over the public address system. Here is a link to one of his morning announcements. (Courtesy of The Southampton Press)

