

From: DPI Private School Choice
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To: DPI Private School Choice
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Attachments: CCSSO High-Quality OER Curriculum and Resources.pdf

Dear Private School Administrator,

I want to draw your attention to information and resources provided below to public school districts today in an [email from Deputy State Superintendent Mike Thompson](#). In addition to the information below, we will be providing information about [2019 Wisconsin Act 185](#), signed by Governor Evers, and the effects on the Private School Choice Program in the coming days.

University of Wisconsin Admissions

In recognition of the challenges posed by COVID-19, the [University of Wisconsin System announced a series of changes to admissions policies](#) that will make it easier for students to enroll this fall. Per the release, "The changes include reducing the undergraduate application fee effective immediately, accepting unofficial high school transcripts for admission consideration, and holding students harmless for changes in admissions testing, grading formats, and other standard requirements."

Additional Resources for Learning during School Closures

Planning for the remainder of this year, summer school, and next fall will require schools to have in place plans for continuity of learning should closures continue or be required in the future. The following resources are provided to aid in your planning:

- Chief Council of State School Officers (CCSSO) recommendations for remote learning (attached). This document provides free high quality instructional materials aligned to different types of remote learning from packets to virtual instruction. The DPI is a member of CCSSO.
- The Wisconsin Public Service Commission, in partnership with DPI, developed a [map where people can get free emergency Wi-Fi access](#) while following Wisconsin Department of Health Services orders and recommendations.
- Wisconsin Public Broadcasting System (PBS), in partnership with DPI and Milwaukee PBS, continues to provide a dedicated [broadcast and streaming channel as well as a related website for at home learning](#) related to Wisconsin standards providing additional videos, lesson plans, and activities. Wisconsin PBS also offers support to educators in [weekly Zoom sessions](#).
- The [DPI District Planning and Implementation Resources for VLT - Continuity of Learning web page](#) is updated daily and includes resources on planning, leadership resources, school operations in extended closures, instructional supports, related services during virtual learning, and online summer school.

Please continue to use the DPI's [COVID-19 web page](#) for the most recent information and resources and email us with questions related to COVID-19 at COVID-19questions@dpi.wi.gov.

Sincerely,

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