ARC Board Briefing
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L4L’s Theory of Action

What we do:

Mission:
To ensure that every child in our region becomes a thriving citizen who achieves success in school, career, and life

Engage partners

Create shared understanding [of data]

Amplify bright spots

...in an environment of sustained trust, learning, and momentum
CLOSING DOWN

Schools, Legislature halt work over virus fear

Lawmakers suspending '20 session temporarily

By Maya T. Prabhu

Georgia legislative leaders took the unprecedented step Thursday of calling a temporary halt to the 2020 legislative session amid the growing coronavirus pandemic.

For the lawmakers, staffers and lobbyists who live in a politically charged, back-slapping, hand-shaking Capitol bubble three months at the beginning of each year, it was a reality check.

Speaker of the House David Ralston huddles with representatives Thursday afternoon at the Georgia State Capitol just before announcing that the Legislature would suspend the session today because of the coronavirus.

Campuses may be shuttered for weeks

By Maureen Downey, Ty Tagami and Marion A. Walker

Georgia's public colleges and many of the state's largest school districts announced one after the other Thursday they would be shutting down campuses for a couple weeks or more, and where possible moving online, after the coronavirus claimed its first life here.

They acted after Gov. Brian Kemp held a news conference issuing a call to action to do so if they thought it was nec-
A very unique time in public education

I don't envy any superintendent or district team trying to plan for the fall. My advice would be to just hop on Facebook. Seems like people there have all the answers.

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L4L Focuses on Engaging Partners

Since March 12, 2020:
- CAN Meetings: 11
- Total Attendance: 500
- Increase Year over Year: 50%

Problems of Practice Explored:
- Trauma-informed care
- FAFSA completion
- Supporting postsec enrollment
Academic Impact of COVID-19

Key Findings
- 3rd grade reading proficiency drops 3.5%
- 8th grade math proficiency drops 4.8%
- More than 21,000 fewer students in ELA are on grade-level

Source: AJC, 06/18/20
EmpowerK12, redefinED, Learn4Life, GOSA
Measuring Literacy Learning Loss

% Proficient and Above in 3rd Gr Literacy

2016-17 (actual)  2017-18 (actual)  2018-19 (actual)  2019-20 (projection)

Source: EmpowerK12, redefinED, GOSA
Democratizing Data

Goals

- Easy access to data visualizations of L4Ls six key indicators
- Keep stakeholders up to date with the progress of each indicator
Amplifying Bright Spots

L4L connected VTL to the Gwinnett and Cobb Library system to redistribute glasses.

L4L built an innovative partnership with literacy leaders to train teachers virtually.

**COUNTYWIDE**

**Eye exams, glasses free to kids,**

Five library branches offer free screenings in July.

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**Free children’s eye tests and glasses at libraries**

The Vision To Learn mobile clinic will visit Cobb public libraries on 13 days during June and July.
Fundamental Challenge of Reopening

Keep staff / students safe

AND

Keep students learning
Some Emerging Themes

• No one size fits all solutions
• As data changes, so do plans
• Patience is required
• This will not be cheap
Next Steps: Stay Engaged with Learn4Life

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Support parents with young kids by providing flexible work arrangements

Commit to programs and policies that support equitable public education