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The Future of
Education



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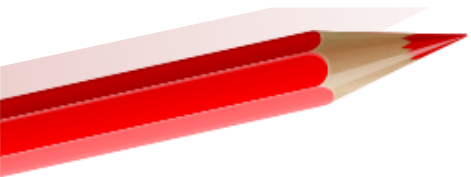


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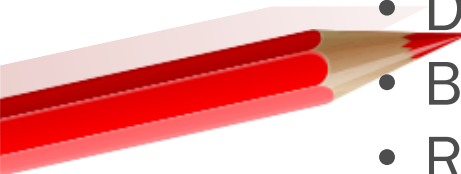
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- We have a unique opportunity to hit the reset button and redefine what public education looks like
 - First we must deal with the issues that we face in providing a solid education during this pandemic
 - Major Considerations
 - Providing in-person learning opportunities when possible
 - Providing equitable access when we can't
 - Dealing with Enrollment Loss
 - Broadband is not a technology issue, it is an equity issue
 - Rethinking Education
 - Fully funding the Standards of Quality (SOQs)
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Major Mitigations

- School Rezoning
- Reducing the Instructional Day
- Changing School Start Times
- Social Distancing
- Temperature Checks
- Masks and Water Bottles
- Isolation Rooms
- Transportation Impact

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Major Mitigations

- Eating lunch in classrooms
- Encourage staff and students who feel sick to stay home
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces regularly and follow appropriate cleaning protocols
- PPE provided as needed
- Reduced access to communal areas
- Reduced mass transitions

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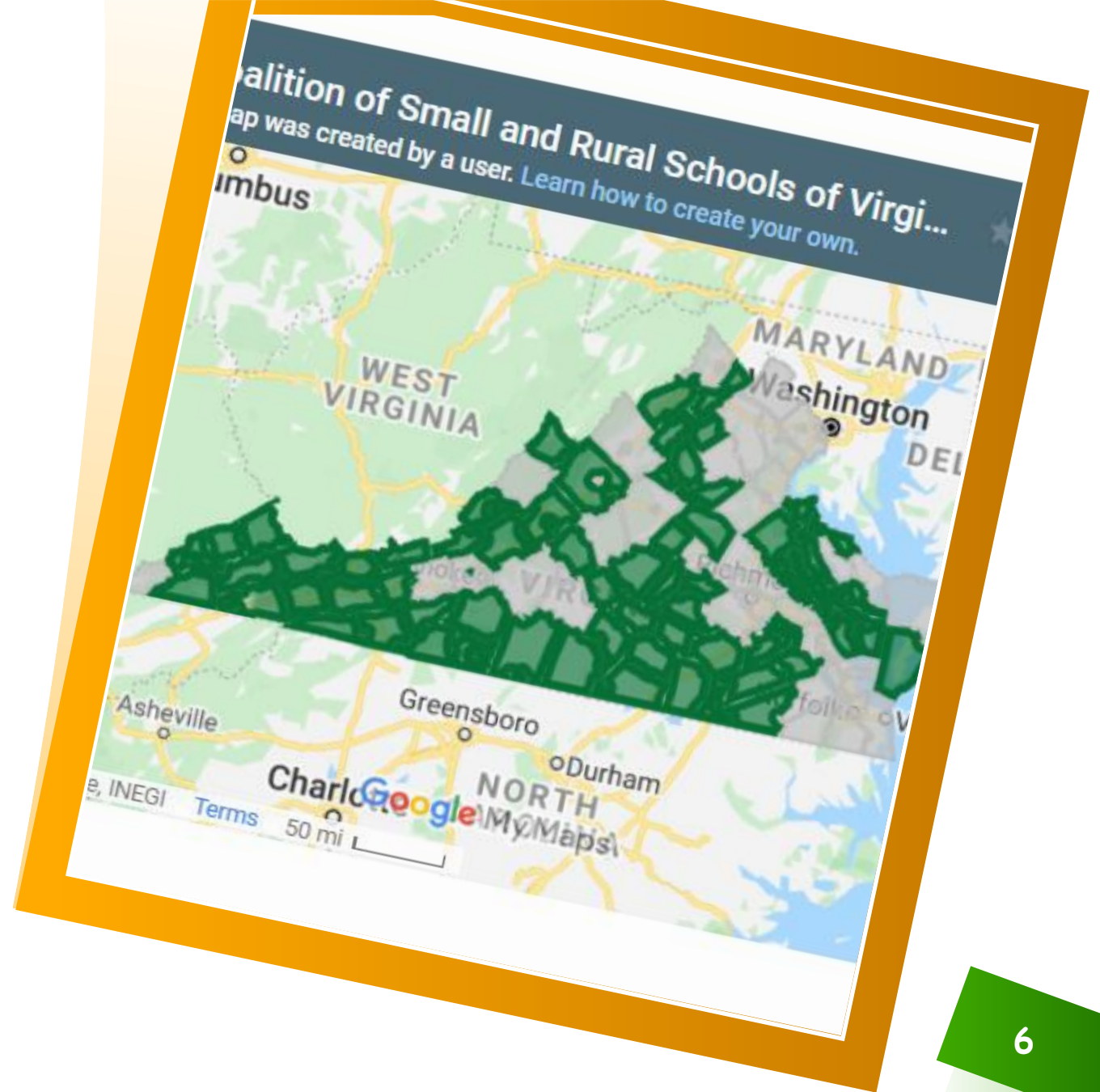


Enrollment Loss

Hold Harmless

- Enrollment is down 36,000 statewide
- Our Coalition was founded on this issue
- This is a rural, suburban, and urban issue
- Over \$150,000,000 in potentially lost revenue statewide
- It is not cheaper to provide education during a pandemic
- Localities will likely pickup the difference

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Broadband Access

- The Homework Gap is really a canyon
- 350,000 families in Virginia without broadband access
- Solar hot spots, church parking lots, thumb drive pickups, personal hot spots
- This is not just a school issue
- This affects the ability to recruit families, businesses, and industry to our communities

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Regional Virtual Academy

- 15,000 students in SWVA are choosing virtual learning
- Lighten teachers' burden of serving virtual as well as in-person students
- Offset staffing in hard to staff areas
- Prevent loss of enrollment to MOPs and other online opportunities
- 13,000 public school students state funding are going to a private company

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Big Picture

COVID-19 continues to change on a daily basis. It has changed how we do education and has expedited the future. Almost every thing that I discussed today is connected to reinventing education. Now that Pandora's Box has been opened, we will not be able to pack Remote Learning back into the container. We can either control the future of Education or we can allow it to control us. It will be impossible to do if Virginia does not decide to drastically change how we fund education.

