

# EDUCATION INEQUALITY DUE TO COVID-19



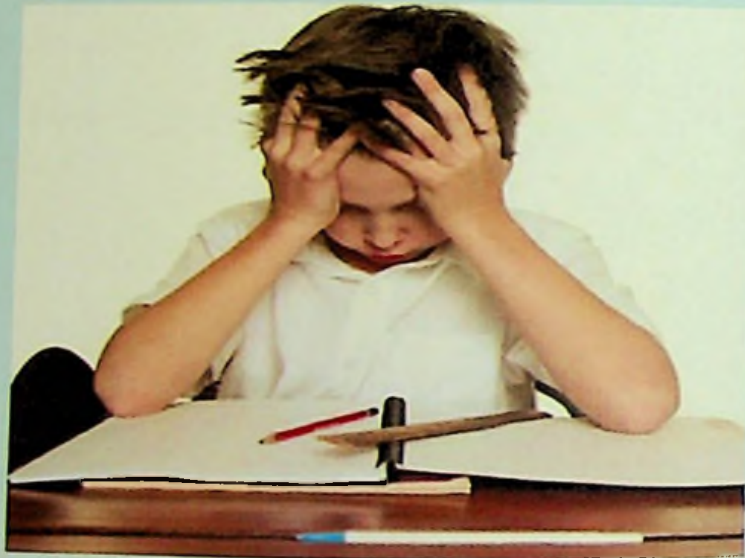
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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- ❖ Prior to the pandemic, 53% of 10 year olds living in learning poverty could not understand a simple text and read, now, 1.5 billion children and youth are out of school across the country.
- ❖ Young children are extremely vulnerable and require efforts to promote holistic early childhood development (ECD).
- ❖ Young children are more likely to experience violence, abuse, and neglect during pandemics as families struggle to cope, the question presented is: How families of this dynamic are able to effectively and patiently educate and replace the role of a teacher.



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- ❖ Due to age, elementary schoolers may not understand the emotional or psychological impact being out of school for 12 weeks can have on a young brain. It is harder to grasp the reality and effects of a crisis.
- ❖ Educators have to practice social distancing while implementing digital learning, while balancing their own physical, emotional and social lives.



- ❖ Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) may be implemented upon return for students with the greatest needs, those impacted most by the pandemic. As well as, to hopefully alleviate pressure off educators..

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ❖ -The COVID 19 lockdown has closed schools across the country.
- ❖ -Students from low-income families may not have access to internet. Or may have to share a single phone or computer between a family. Affluent and middle class neighborhoods are more likely to have internet access and electronic devices for their children to use.
- ❖ -Many teachers are new to online education and middle schoolers have never experienced this before.
- ❖ -About 69% of children live in two parent households according to the most recent census which may undercount single family households. This can have an affect on how much time a parent has to spend while their children or help them with online school. A single parent working from home can't provide the educational support a teacher can.



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## HIGH SCHOOL

- ❖ -Many high school seniors were unable to tour college campuses before the lockdown which makes their college decision more difficult.
- ❖ -Many college admission deposit deadlines have been extended, but the economy is still very unstable right now so many students are in a difficult position to make a decision.
- ❖ -Schools are closed so many students don't have access to a counselor.
- ❖ -Proms and graduations have been cancelled across the U.S.
- ❖ -Students with ADHD and learning disabilities can face additional challenges with online classes.



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## COLLEGE

- ❖ With the closures of colleges across America, millions of students scrambled to find new places to live as well as new plans to continue their educations online.



- ❖ Many students depended on their schools for housing, jobs, and food which puts many students at risk for homelessness.
- ❖ Numerous athletic events, academic events, and graduations have been either postponed or completely cancelled, leaving students forced to put their dreams and plans on hold.

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- ❖ Many students, especially those without access to internet or technology and those with attention span problems, struggle to make online classes work for them.
- ❖ Professors, who are used to in person teaching, are now forced to continue their classes online. The quality of education just is not the same, especially for classes that are designed to be in person, such as lab classes.
- ❖ With the looming proposal that classes may continue to be online for the fall 2021 semester, colleges are scared in a drop of student population.



- ❖ Overall, not only are college students not receiving the same quality education as before, but their lives are also completely derailed, and many are fighting to continue their education despite the grave circumstances.

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