

# Teacher Mental Health 2020

Coronavirus crisis: 2020 – 21 School Year

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# EDUCATORS:

THIS WEBINAR WILL EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS ON INSTRUCTING OUR NATION'S STUDENTS DURING THE 2020 – 21 SCHOOL YEAR.

EDUCATORS ARE ALREADY MANAGING A VARIETY OF DAILY CHALLENGES THAT STRESS THEIR PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND PERSONAL WELFARE.

## EDUCATION'S CHALLENGES

- ▶ The task of educating this generation of *diverse* learners has become dramatically more complex than in prior decades.
- ▶ An increase in dysfunctional family dynamics is correlated with a decline in parental investment in their children's school readiness and personal accountability.
- ▶ Schools are challenged by both students' academic requirements and *socialization* deficits, profoundly impacting educators' skills and commitment.

# EDUCATION'S CHALLENGES: INTERNAL FACTORS

- Diverse social – economic – cultural student population.
- Depressed language ability, reasoning skills, and socialization limitations disrupting achievement.
- ▶ Students' self – motivation, perseverance, and critical thinking compromised by excessive electronic entertainment.

- Students' preference for personalized learning and self – expression.
- Behavior management deficits
- **Modifying educational experience for 20 – 40 % of learners 'at – risk' of academic failure.**

# CORONAVIRUS

- Now, an additional challenge of educating our nation's students is coping with the serious impact of coronavirus on our society.
- This unprecedented scenario has imposed severe restrictions on personal freedom and public discourse, including the closing of schools to avoid further contamination.
- No prior era since the 1940s has required a national commitment to manage a crisis of this magnitude.
- This webinar addresses the manifestations of coronavirus on educators' ability to sustain a viable learning experience for their respective learners.