

PFT COVID-19 Update 5-6-20: Member ?'s Needed- Helpful Webinars- Census - Westwood Vid- links

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Updates

What's On Your Mind? Seeking Input From Members.



With PPS distance learning still learning to fly, and a veritable sea of information out there about the coronavirus and its effect on the nation's health and well being, our economic prospects and future, and how it all might dovetail and affect the lives of educators, students, and the communities in which we live ... we are simply wondering:

What's on your mind? The PFT is working on a brief member survey and we're seeking the questions that are top of mind with our members. What is the biggest unanswered question you have right now—what keeps you up nights, what are you worrying about most?

[Click here to send an email and let us know what's on your mind](#) to help inform our member survey.

Professional Learning Opportunities From AFT.

It's possible some of the questions above might be answered by one of two of the resources below. The benefit of the on-demand webinar series is that you do not have to set aside a fixed-time to "be there."

Click to watch either or both like a video at your convenience. Hope they help!

[Reducing the Adverse Impact of the Coronavirus on Students and Families](#)

Co-sponsored by Healthy Schools Campaign and Institute for Educational Leadership, this webinar shows how outreach that seeks to ensure students are supported and engaged requires leadership and action from schools, districts and community partners.

- [Navigating Content Challenges in the Age of Remote Learning](#) (name and email)

The effects COVID-19 has had on schools nationwide. This disruption may be a catalyst of permanent change, and strengthening teachers' abilities to educate their classroom despite these new circumstances is critical. In this on-demand webinar hosted by Education Dive's Brand Studio, discover how this unexpected shift is opening doors to the "new normal" for K-12 education.

The Plan To Reopen America Is Going To Cost Money.

Complete The Census!

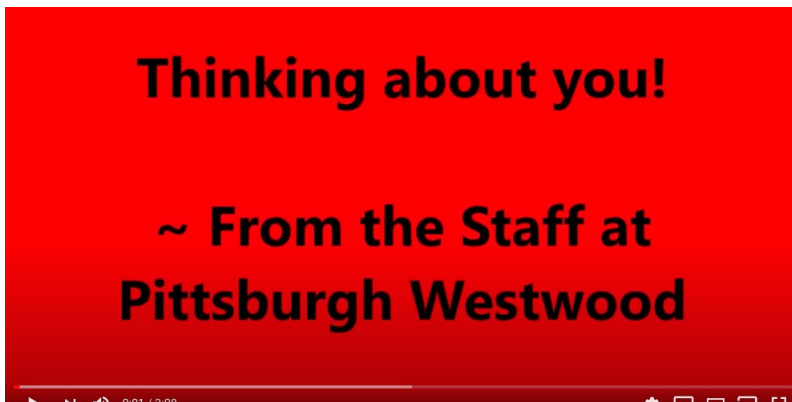
Recently we shared the AFT national blueprint for reopening schools in America, an ambitious 5-Pillar Plan that we are taking a hard look at to see how it might apply (or be improved) locally and regionally.

[Please view or download the AFT Plan here if you haven't done so.](#)

Perhaps like never before, the importance of counting every citizen living here is critically important to a fair allocation of resources to our region—including vital public education funding, infrastructure investment, money for numerous social service programs, and fair, accurate representation in Congress.

[Click here to complete the 2020 Census!](#)

High Hopes Coming In This Week from Pittsburgh Westwood.



Tough not to tap your toes along with this message from Westwood (Lorilyn Crabb, Building Rep)... Spring Hill is up next...

The banner is yellow with a blue border. It features the text "CENSUS 2020" in large, bold, red letters, followed by "Every Person Counts!" in smaller black letters. To the right is the official 2020 Census logo. Below the main text, there are two sections of bullet points:

- The Census Helps to Determine**
 - Essential **PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING**
 - **TRANSPORTATION** & Highway Funding
 - Fair Congressional **REPRESENTATION**
- The Census is Vital to Fully Funding**
 - Head Start Programs
 - Section 8 Housing
 - CHIP Children's **Health Insurance** Program
 - Title 1 Schools
 - SNAP Benefits
 - Special Education

Below the bullet points, it states: "Your Information is **Completely CONFIDENTIAL** and **PROTECTED** by UNITED STATES LAW." At the bottom, it says "BE SURE to Complete CENSUS 2020 On-Line ... by Mail ... or in Person." and includes a link "Learn more at census.gov" and the official logo.

Continue to share inspiring school messages with us, and we'll do our level best to share with PFT members! **Send youtube links to dan_evans@pft400.org.**

**** PFT Coronavirus Updates Now Every Wednesday. ****

Missed an update or message? [View our archive of COVID-19 Updates here](#).

Information Links That Bear Repeating:

Below please find additional links providing helpful information you can bookmark and count on as the COVID-19 situation changes and evolves.

[AFT/AFTPA Coronavirus Resources & Updates for Members](#)

[AFT/PFT Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#) A Negotiated, Free Benefit to Members

[Click for EAP Information Flyer](#)

[Click for Life Skills Solutions Website](#) (*login upper right*)

[National Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) Coronavirus Resources](#)

[PPS Coronavirus Resources and Links](#)

[PA Department of Health Coronavirus Resources](#)

[PA-Specific Resources from Senator Casey](#)

[Student Debt Relief Resources](#)



Coronavirus Self-Checker

A guide to help you make decisions and seek appropriate medical care

[Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Rumor Control](#)

[Allegheny County Health Department Rumor Control](#)

Please keep in touch—keep sharing your ideas, your questions and your concerns.

In solidarity—

Nina Esposito-Visgitis



Nurse Appreciation Week Starts Today!

**We cannot express how much we appreciate and admire our school nurses
and each and every nurse working so hard in America.**

Sent via ActionNetwork.org. To update your email address, change your name or address, or to stop receiving emails from Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers, please [click here](#).