

Learn and Do More

Thank you for tuning in with us to hear Pitt Chancellor Emeritus Mark A. Nordenberg and Dr. Robert Scherrer discuss the challenges school districts and families are facing as we return to school. The following document provides resources mentioned during the interview and suggested action items.

Video References:

- ❑ The Allegheny Intermediate Unit (IU3) serves the 42 school districts in Allegheny County outside of the City of Pittsburgh. Check out the Unit's [website](#) to learn more about their critical role and available resources. If you live outside of Allegheny County, [click here](#) to learn more about the intermediate unit that supports your community.
- ❑ Dr. Scherrer underscores the importance of COVID-19 cleaning protocols in school. For additional information, review the CDC/EPA's [Guidance For Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#).
- ❑ Learn more from Dr. Scherrer in the Pittsburgh Quarterly's article [Back to School? 42 Districts, 42 Plans](#), which Chancellor Emeritus Nordenberg references during the interview.
- ❑ According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, 476,000 children have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Read their full report on [Children and COVID-19: State-Level Data](#).
- ❑ The [AIU received \\$1.5 Million from local foundations](#) for School District COVID-19 recovery efforts.
- ❑ Dr. Robert Scherrer discussed inequalities in education which have been worsened by the pandemic. Examine how [U.S. Schools' Online Learning Directives May Exacerbate Existing Educational Inequalities](#).
- ❑ Read the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's [COVID-19 School Reopening Health and Safety Plan](#).
- ❑ Check out the three AIU operated special education schools in Allegheny County, [Mon Valley School](#), [The Pathfinder School](#), and [Sunrise School](#).
- ❑ Find out more about [face-covering requirements in PA schools](#), including how students can take a mask break.
- ❑ The [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act \(CARES Act\)](#) allocated states \$30.75 billion for education. Pennsylvania received \$523.8 million through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER). View the [ESSER LEA Allocations here](#).

Take Action:

- ❑ Vote in 2020 Presidential Election. [Apply](#) for a mail-in ballot today. [Click here](#) to learn about voting in your state.
- ❑ Find and contact your federal, state, and local elected officials using this [online directory](#).
- ❑ Check out [75 Things White People Can Do](#) and learn how to be a racial justice ally with [this guide](#).
- ❑ Learn and speak up about the [difference between equity and equality in education](#).
- ❑ Read and share [Promoting Positive Learning Climates Online and at Home](#).
- ❑ Listen to a podcasts like the American Consortium for Equity in Education's [Education Talk Radio Podcasts](#).
- ❑ Get involved in organizations working for education justice such as [One Pennsylvania](#) and [The Education Trust](#).

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