New Learning Modalities for Distanced Education
Panel Session 1 - November 10, 2020

PANELISTS
- Dr. Denise Beutel, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, Richardson ISD
- Steve Simpson, Director of Technology, Integration, & Innovation, Arlington ISD
- Elaine Plybon, Director of Personalized Learning Opportunities, Keller ISD
- Dr. Catherine Robert, Moderator
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Welcome message from Dr. Teresa Taber Doughty, Dean of the College of Education:
“Education professionals had to advance their technology infrastructure and practices by more than a decade just in the short period of time.”

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

We Looked Back at March 2020
Richardson ISD:
Paper packets mailed to younger students; materials posted online; drive-bys to pick up iPads; maximizing systems in place.
Arlington ISD:
A phased-in approach:
Phase 1: ISD website = a hub for resources for students.
Phase 2: Intensive training for teachers.
Phase 3: Teachers designed and led the instruction themselves.
Keller ISD:
Online resources in place; intensive training for teachers; training sessions = support groups for teachers

We Looked at This Fall 2020 and to the Future
- Synchronous learning in place
- Students need time in class to socialize
- Evaluating Teachers: -with giving Grace in the process-
  - a large amount of data available in the online world; an opportunity to see the entire lesson cycle
  - use of monitoring tools that help to look for evidence of certain teachers' behaviors, but not to express judgements.
  - looking for same things: the learning objective posted, level of student engagement, how we are re-teaching and checking for understanding.
- Understanding that some students will want to continue online learning, and some will return to schools

We Discussed Platforms and Apps Used for Students’ Engagement

- schoology
- Flipgrid
- Pear Deck
- nearpod
- Seesaw
- edpuzzle
- ClassLink
- Backpack
- Google Classroom
- Edgenuity
- H5P