



**Member Matters: Online Learning for the Long Term  
Chat Log  
Feb. 23, 2021**

12:16:08 From Claudia Heinrich : You said that MV is non-profit. Is there a cost to school districts if they use MV to offer an online option?

12:18:13 From Jamey Fitzpatrick : We do charge a fee for student online courses, but most of our educator online professional development programs are available to districts at no costs.

12:20:23 From Ahmed Ismail - Grosse Pointe : Does MI Virtual offer training for teachers to live stream?

12:22:37 From Stan Miller - Mona Shores : I bet all of us believe that there is more benefit to in-person learning that just instruction -- social skills in younger grades, extracurriculars and athletics for older students to name the most obvious. How do we preserve those benefits?

12:22:43 From Lana Ford : Does Michigan Virtual offer training/support for parents as well as teachers?

12:23:14 From Jamey Fitzpatrick : We have developed a series of free training programs focused on practical strategies for remote and blended teaching:  
<https://michiganvirtual.org/remote-teaching/>

12:23:28 From Angela Shinaver : Is there guidance available for superintendents and boards to put in place to evaluate whether each student that wants to continue virtually should? Or do we use this year as a basis for making that decision?

12:23:29 From Dr. Early : Do your agency train own teachers or do they have their own teachers and if so where does that live our teachers?

12:23:32 From Kevin Remenap : Any advice, tips, insight into the auditing process?

12:24:21 From Jamey Fitzpatrick : We have a free parent guide to online learning than can be found here <https://michiganvirtual.org/resources/guides/parent-guide/>

12:25:33 From Shannon Smith : Michigan Virtual does have over 200 teachers that are trained and work to teach our courses but we also offer training to teachers in the field to run a local virtual program.

12:26:58 From Dr. Early : Where does the funding go if a student join your program?

12:27:39 From Mary McClellan : my sons school is student centered, Reggio focus. It is absolutely been critical to my kids transitions and success this last year. Great conversation

12:28:34 From Shannon Smith : Students remain a member of their local district and take a course (or multiple courses) with our certified teachers. The final score is provided to the local school and the school chooses how to add it to the transcript.

12:29:43 From Anne Craft : @Dr.Early, Michigan Virtual does receive a fee for providing a student course that is paid by the school.

12:34:08 From Anne Craft : Here is the link to the School Board Guide to Online Learning: <https://michiganvirtual.org/resources/guides/school-board-guide/>

12:35:04 From Donald Cugini : Are there any other resources to create standards or quality indicators?

12:37:09 From Anne Craft : @DonaldCugini There is a page on our website with a lot of resources with considerations and standards. <https://michiganvirtual.org/how-to-start-an-online-school-program/>

12:37:20 From Jamey Fitzpatrick : We helped write the National Standards for Online learning: <https://www.nsqol.org/>

12:37:47 From Donald Cugini : Thank you

12:39:32 From Jamey Fitzpatrick : Online program reviews are provided at no costs to schools

12:39:35 From Stan Miller - Mona Shores : What are deadlines for a district to sign up with MV for next school year, and are you prepared to manage the increased scale?

12:39:59 From Anne Craft : To request an Online Learning Program review you can visit <https://michiganvirtual.org/research/online-program-reviews/>

12:42:29 From Christopher Harrington : During this pandemic, we see some amazing relationships being developed between schools and community entities (businesses, rec centers, civic organizations, etc.) to provide space for students to work when the students don't have home access.

12:42:41 From Anne Craft : We have not posted deadlines for Fall 21 yet, but we have multiple windows of enrollment. Our calendar can be found at <https://michiganvirtual.org/students/calendar/>

12:43:09 From Shannon Smith : @Stan This year we have focused on scaling our staff to be able to meet the increased needs in the fall. We also have a flexible schedule which allows schools to enroll through the start of the year, however, the sooner a school enrolls, the more we can assure access to a particular course.

12:44:01 From Susan Estep : I'm near Ann Arbor (Washtenaw County), and my internet is not sufficient!!!

12:47:02 From Don Wotruba : Are any of you well down this road and interested in sharing what you are doing in your district

12:47:04 From Donald Cugini : I live in the UP and in a lot of our school district Internet isn't sufficient either. There are also barriers to having companies come in to provide more access to internet services. In some areas the City council isn't willing to put out funds to pay for those services, and the internet companies wont expand unless there is enough customers. This, I think, is where the state or federal government need to assist

12:47:43 From Ahmed Ismail - Grosse Pointe : Where do I find an article on best practices of teaching in school with live streaming for those who can't (or don't want to) attend.

12:48:07 From Jamey Fitzpatrick : @Donald Cugini, I agree with you 100%

12:49:15 From Shannon Smith : Gull Lake and St. Clair were early adopters

12:54:41 From John Siemion - Grand Haven, Ottawa Area ISA & MASB : Grand Haven had virtual learning long before CODID. We learned quickly how inadequate Internet was in the SE portion of our district.

12:57:04 From Angela Shinaver : Thank you - this was helpful to raise some topics that our district have not been talking about!

12:57:16 From Jack Temsey : definitely some needed information

12:57:17 From Stacy Bogard : If you have ideas for future webinars, please send them to [comms@masb.org](mailto:comms@masb.org).

12:57:20 From Mary Hall-Rayford : Thank you for the information and confirmation for me in what I see will be the eventual direction of education.

12:57:24 From Anne Craft : You'll owe me a dollar, Don. :-)

12:57:34 From Mary McClellan : Thank you for sharing your thoughts and having this discussion.

12:57:51 From Jeffrey Lauer : Thank you! Great and important conversation!

12:58:10 From Lana Ford : This was a VERY useful discussion. I think we could use more information regarding online learning. This was the "tip" of the iceberg. Thank you very much.

12:58:12 From Eric Allshouse : Thank you for all of the great information

12:58:19 From Randel Meisner : thank you this was great information

12:58:56 From Melissa Baldwin Hazel Park : What's everyone doing for learning loss/summer school?

12:59:19 From Melissa Baldwin Hazel Park : future topic maybe? :)

12:59:25 From Stan Miller - Mona Shores : We're talking about it next week but almost certainly will have some summer school option.

12:59:31 From Melissa Baldwin Hazel Park : THANK YOU

12:59:51 From Steve Patchin : Collaborating with several other small districts here in Western U.P., all we need is some supplemental funding.

12:59:55 From Nick Reichenbach, Rockford Schools : NWEA tests have been better than expected for our district. we will have a robust 'summer learning' option for many key areas....

13:01:04 From Claudia Heinrich : future topic for testing, how data is used

13:01:09 From Donald Cugini : Thank you to MASB and Michigan Virtual for this webinar, It has been very helpful and I hope will spark some discussion in my district.

13:01:41 From Stacy Bogard : We'll have the recording available in the next couple of days.

13:01:52 From wendy watters : thank you

13:01:53 From Sandra Meeks : Thank You