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Thank you all for joining us at this week's CS-TAC Virtual Coffee Hour. Below you will find a recap of shared practices and resources. Please note the *new* embedded links that showcase example templates. Thank you to all who shared their amazing work with us this week!

Practices Shared

Binghamton University Community Schools (BUCS):

- <u>BUCS Coordinator communications</u>: daily announcement that offers collated resources & training; drop resources into a shared Google folder for easy access. Link:
- <u>Virtual lunch</u>-weekly for CSC's, provides opportunities to connect; no planned agenda, responsive to topics and needs of coordinators
- <u>Network weekly meetings</u>: brings in local partners, opportunities to connect & hear what other districts are doing

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Rome City School District:

- <u>Staying connected</u> to students & families: using team meetings, LINK referral system, food pantries & deliveries serving as information dissemination & check-in points with families. Opportunity to link with other services if needed.
- Starting up <u>virtual parent groups</u> for PreK & hoping to open up to all parents, invite guest speakers
- Using Volunteering & <u>Community Listservs</u> to keep up on community developments & services being offered
- Mental Health check in form: team of SW, Psychologist, & counselors developing a MH wellness form for teachers. Can be turned on/off when teachers hold virtual classes; aligns with S/E/L curriculum language and ensures that someone will be on "back end" to receive form and check



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in if needed. Concern that an open form would not get checked often enough and/or needed services to families would get missed.

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Fulton City School District:

 Staying connected: created a reference guide for staff; one-place to house resource connections, services, community events/volunteering opportunities

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Whitney Point Central School District:

- <u>Virtual High School Drop In</u>: offering self-care check ins, 1:1 meetings if needed; will continue through school year; utilizes safety plan and school protocols if further reference to services are needed; outreach uses email, phone, remind app & shared Google folder open to all students
- <u>Birth-5yr</u>, <u>Early Eagles</u>: parent support group, bi-weekly newsletter with tip sheets; tote bags with books etc delivered to families; starting a birthday club
- <u>Virtual Coffee Chat</u>-continuation of previous in person story-time; offering "live" and taped versions
- Activity Kits: to families related to story book
- Raising Eagles: <u>caregiver group for grandparents</u>; opening up to all relational caregivers; meet every other week via Zoom; starting a newsletter & bringing guest speakers; Q & A with district representative;
- Outreach: using district website; church listservs; Facebook; local businesses

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RESOURCES

- IEL spreadsheet of practices & resources for COVID-19 response by community schools: <u>Community Schools: COVID-19 Responses</u>
- NYSED Food Links
 <u>Summer Food Service Program</u>
 <u>Child Nutrition | NYSED</u>
- Buffalo Saturday Virtual Academies: *Virtual* Saturday Academies
- https://www.epicforchildren.org/
- Broome County Covid links: <u>Coronavirus Information</u>; <u>Coping through COVID-19</u>.

VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- CS-TAC event: The Intersection of MTSS & Community Schools with Ali Hearn
- A Conversation On Rural Mental Health-webinar
- Educator Wellness During Covid-19-virtual meeting series
- School Leader Series-Building Protective Factors for Yourself and the School Community-webinar series
- Educator Wellness
- Student Life Skills

