

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

