

## Meeting Safety and Security Needs of Students, Teachers, and Staff Panel Session 3 - March 2, 2021

### PANELISTS

- **Dr. Chane Rascoe**, Superintendent, Lampasas ISD
- **Ms. Carolyn Longoria**, Assistant Principal, Lamar High School, Arlington ISD
- **Mr. David Lewis**, Principal, Northwood Hills Elementary, Richardson ISD
- **Dr. Catherine Robert**, Moderator
- Collin Yoxall, Brian Brown, & Tatiana Kurochkina, **Facilitators**

Welcome message from Dr. Dan Robinson, Associate Dean of Research.

### DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

#### *Safety & Security Concerns in the Post-Covid Environment*

- Safety and security in 2020-2021 are more about emotional and physical needs instead of about risk of physical violence.
- 6-foot distance and sanitation stations in classrooms
- Emotional safety of students
- Self-harm threats from students
- Lower student attendance
  - schools looking for students
  - students' self-arranged 'early vacation'
  - students have to work
- Economically-disadvantaged kids stay at home, thus lack nutrition, internet access, & thus education
- How to keep in contact:
  - Access to Internet -> hot spots set up
  - Provision of technology to teachers and students
- Food distribution: curbside meals, set-up food sites across the city, food deliveries
- \*Time used to enhance physical building safety

#### *Successes & Innovations*



#### **Arlington:**

- Impressive work of teachers working with special populations (to whom social distance and mask-wearing don't apply)
- Support to kids with social emotional needs

#### **Richardson:**

- Grouping students into cohorts & keeping seating charts
- Clear schedules and expectations of elementary kids for recess times

#### **Lampasas:**

- Improving wi-fi on every campus
- Making tough decisions concerning safety of kids when little guidance is available

**Question from the audience:** *"Will the remote model be offered next year?" – It depends, but students are encouraged to come back to school.*