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## REL Midwest toolkit helps districts better understand students' learning gaps related to the COVID-19 pandemic and school closures

As more students return to the classroom, a REL Midwest toolkit can help districts identify learning changes related to the pandemic and take action to address students' learning needs.

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## Resource roundup: Supports for summer learning

With summer around the corner, we rounded up resources from across the REL network to support educators as they create their summer learning plans and prepare for fall 2021.

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## Networked improvement community celebrates progress in using data to improve student credit recovery

A Minnesota networked improvement community of alternative learning centers recently celebrated progress toward improving student credit recovery rates and, ultimately, high school graduation rates.

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## Training series: Data use in the continuous improvement cycle

REL Midwest developed this two-part training series for Change Inc. afterschool mentors and staff in their work with high-risk youth in St. Paul, Minnesota. Topics include how data literacy can enhance the use of evidence-based strategies, how to connect data collection to a logic model, and how to develop data stories.

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## How school choice relates to college and career readiness and early college success in Indiana

Our latest infographic highlights key findings from a REL Midwest study that examined the characteristics of students who attended different types of Indiana high schools and the students' performance on indicators of college and career readiness and early college success.

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## Recording: National Safe School Reopening Summit

If you missed the National Safe School Reopening Summit, held virtually on March 24, a recording is available. The Summit shared best practices for educators and families navigating the return to in-person learning and featured President Joe Biden, First Lady Jill Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Education Secretary Miguel Cardona, among others.

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## Upcoming events

- **June 8: Pushing Educational Boundaries: Student Recommendations for Spending American Rescue Plan Funds**, *Webinar* (11:00–12:30 a.m. Eastern Time / 10:00–11:30 a.m. Central Time). Hosted by the Region 9 Comprehensive Center, this webinar will present instrumental recommendations from the 2020–21 Illinois Student Advisory Council on how to use the current influx of education funding to help all students achieve educational success and to include student voices in decision-making. [Register](#)

## Webinar archives

Unable to attend one of our recent webinars? You can find the recordings and materials on our website.

- [Evidence-Based Literacy Interventions to Support Young Learners During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Confronting Bias and Building Trust: Strategies to Create Inclusive Environments for Black Teachers](#)

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