

# COVID RESPONSE FELLOWSHIP



School systems are facing immense challenges as a result of the impacts of COVID-19. The work to re-open schools safely and recover learning is complex, capacity-intensive, and budget-constrained. We have the opportunity to build back better.

#### LEAVING LEARNING TO CHANCE



Only 1 in 3 school districts expected teachers to provide instruction, track engagement, or monitor progress for students March - May.

#### ACHIEVEMENT GAPS ARE WIDENING



The average student may lose 7 months of learning, with students of color & low-income students losing up to a year — widening existing achievement gaps by 15-20%.

#### STRUGGLING TO PLAN NEXT YEAR



As of early June, less than 25% of school districts have named a process or timeline for developing 2020-21 fall reopening plans.

Planning for reopening in this “new normal” will not be easy; we also know that planning is not nearly as important – nor as difficult – as **execution**.

To have a successful school year, we will all have to be **problem-solvers, flexible and responsive** to data, and willing to course-correct as necessary.

**JEFFREY C. RILEY**  
Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education | Commonwealth of Massachusetts | Initial Fall School Reopening Guidance

## OUR SOLUTION EP COVID RESPONSE FELLOWSHIP

As a trusted talent pipeline for more than 15 years, we'll recruit Alumni of prominent education leadership development programs to provide districts and charter schools with Chief of Staff-level talent at no cost to them due to the severe budget crisis facing education.

- **ADVANCE ESSENTIAL WORK** Over the course of 12 months coinciding with the school year, Fellows will work directly with senior-level staff to tackle COVID-specific projects; coordinating communications; liaising with public health and education agencies; and more.
- **BENEFIT FROM COLLECTIVE SOLUTIONS** Fellows will have access to a cohort of peers executing similar work across the country for real-time thought-partnership, problem-solving, and best practice sharing.
- **LEVERAGE NETWORK SUPPORT** Fellows will have an advisor to help them navigate their experience and an EP Alum will provide mentorship to groups of Fellows.

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