



"It is not how we live in the light that enlightens us, it is how we live in the dark."

— *Rune Lazuli*

Beta Delta News

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

NC DKG North Carolina State Organization,
 Beta Delta Chapter,
 Greensboro, NC,
 Region VII

DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide
"Ready, Set, GROW!"

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President's Message



Although I might describe my chapter leadership in Beta Delta as, "Baptism by Fire," I am grateful for the opportunity. There is nothing like making connections with women who are willing to walk through the fire with you.

What I found in DKG was inspiration and solace; motivation and purpose. Every time I walked into a DKG meeting, I felt the soothing balm of fellow educators who shared the bond of countless hours beyond contract time -- the "whatever it takes" mantra etched in their hearts—your hearts, Ladies! Just by being yourselves, you gave me back myself.

Our support of Hampton Elementary made me proud, driven by Deb Paul giving us insight into the needs of students. Then there was the 2019 NC DKG Convention and International Conference; your assistance with hotel fees and registration made it possible for me to attend these events, where I gained an even higher level of respect and admiration for the women in our organization—particularly North Carolina educators. Although the workshop session I presented was poorly attended,

the three women who came touched my heart; one of them was Beta Delta Past President, Ann Pember. Thank you for standing by me that day, Ann! The Christmas Brunch became one of my favorite annual events; my poor attempts at making fall wreaths gave me tremendous appreciation for Sharon Page's talents! The joy, love and laughter of this event, as we raise funds for schools, demonstrates the creativity and vitality of our chapter. After rescuing my mother from Hurricane Michael in 2017 and bringing her to our fundraiser brunch, she continues to look forward to it. Just by being your enthusiastic, expressive, intelligent, friendly selves, you made a difference in the life of this woman who had just lost her home and come to live with me at the age of 86. You really are an incredible group! One of the best aspects of leadership in our chapter has been the opportunity to meet new people. April Dunovant and Analia Wells, as they prepared presentations for our meetings, enlarged our world of information and gave us a glimpse of the depth of their specific focus and dedication. More and more ways to grow in our professional development and respect for one another! I was privileged to witness our chapter in action while collaborating with Kelly White Arnold, while we were working on the

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Next Event:

Executive Board Meeting
 August 2020, Time TBA

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Highlights: May Meeting, May 21, 2020

Members Present: 34 including NC DKG State President, Dr. Teresa Cowan, and Region VII Director, Peggy Stuart

Opening comments: Zoë Dillard, Outgoing President

She thanked the members for their patience and help the past two years as she was president. She asked for patience as this was our first ever virtual chapter meeting.



Induction Ceremony of New Members: Julie Gehling (absent so induction will take place at a future time), Andrea Green, Jamie Powell

A candle was lit to honor our new members. Leisa Huddleston announced the new members and other members read through the induction script.

Vote on nominated new officers: The members voted for the new officers and it was unanimously agreed upon.

Installation of New Officers for 2020-2022:

President-Lisa Frissen

Vice Presidents-Janis Antonek & April Dunovant

Secretary-Dori Caligiure

Treasurer-Rose Mosquera (Assisted by Elaine McRae)

Parliamentarian-Sheila Groves



Incoming President's Remarks: She thanked everyone for helping her to learn about DKG. She is looking forward to the support through the next two years. She has been working on the Newsletter and she needs someone else to do that for the next two years. It will only be 8 installations of the newsletter. Her last one will be this month. Fortunately, April Dunovant and Andrea Green volunteered to take it on!

In Memory of: Elaine McRae announced several longtime members have passed away. They will be missed from our chapter.

Reserve members: Anne Houseman 2/19/1935-4/8/2020, Helen Medlin 11/4/1912-5/10/2020 and former member: Peggy Tesh 4/7/2020 (See more about these amazing educators on page 6 of the newsletter.)

Annual Dues Reminder: Rose Mosquera reminded everyone that dues of \$75 should be sent by June 15, 2020 to

Elaine McRae 3518 Old Onslow Road Greensboro, NC 27407; Please make checks payable to DKG – Beta Delta

Book Talk: Born A Crime, by Trevor Noah

Kelly led our discussion with thought-provoking questions about the book. The questions centered around systemic racism and how it affects children and adults. The discussion was rich with a diversity of thoughts and experiences shared.



Beta Delta Member News

Ann Pember's son and his friends celebrated his 50th birthday:



One of the most rewarding things I've done due to the pandemic has been to tutor my young niece and nephew in French. For about four weeks, we met twice a week via Skype and spoke French, wrote out the date and weather, and practiced poems from their teacher's assignments. It was great to see them -- all the way from Australia! – Zoë Dillard

Our granddaughter Chloe Swanson is completing the 8th grade at Greensboro Montessori School and will be attending Page High School in the IB Program this fall.
– Gayle Manahan



Elaine McRae's granddaughter, UNC-G freshman Caroline Armfield, applied to the NC DKG Educational Foundation for the Marilyn F. Grinwis Gray Scholarship in Music Education. She received notice on April 24

Rose Mosquera and her husband have used this time of being at home to spruce up their patio and to reorganize their basement to hold all Rose's teaching materials from her time at Eastern Guilford Middle. She will be transferring to Southeast Guilford High School in the fall.



that she was selected for this award. Noted in the announcement was Caroline's passion for teaching. "We are more than proud of her and delighted to further the line of educators in our family which include Caroline's great-great grandmother, a first grade teacher; Caroline's paternal great grandfather, a law professor at George Washington University; Caroline's paternal grandmother, an elementary teacher and principal; Caroline's mother, a Kindergarten teacher; & Grammy (ME), a retired elementary educator."

Although the NC DKG State Convention was canceled, Region VII and Beta Delta were hard at work planning well before the stay-at-home orders were in place. Here are a few photos of our chapter members hard at work.



"I wanted to thank you [Zoë] and everyone in our chapter for the generous donation of gift cards for the teachers at Archer. They were delivered safely on Friday [March 20], despite the fact that Elaine and Myra couldn't be hugged or high-fived when they were dropped off. Obviously our teachers are working from home, so we were unable to come up with a plan for distribution, but I will be in touch after we return. No matter when they receive the gifts, I know they will be very grateful." – Deb Paul

"A thank you for all of you who have been struggling with how to explain our collective feelings of anxiety and divisiveness with regard to verbal inappropriateness and disregard of science and facts in recent times; to all of you who are still working directly with children and young people approaching adulthood, who are trying to find their their own sense of what is right and wrong, I give you all a huge thank you! Persevere: this, too, shall pass. There is still much to be joyful about...we just have to look for it. The kids are the answer, not the problem." – Barbara Moore

Beta Delta awarded two Shaw-Lewis grants to teachers who are non-DKG members: Justyna Szalc (below left), teacher at Jamestown Middle School who will use the funds for a garden project with her students once schools open again and Clancy Russell (below right), teacher at Orange High School who will use the funds to purchase culturally responsive texts for her English classes. The Shaw-Lewis Grant-in-Aid is for beginning K-12 teachers in their fifth or earlier year of teaching in Caswell, Davidson, Guilford, or Randolph Counties in North Carolina. Awards are based on the merit of the proposal and are determined by the Beta Delta Scholarship Committee. The grant is for up to \$500. For more information on this grant and to pass it on to other teachers you feel are deserving, please click [here](#).



Supporting Students During Challenging Times

During the COVID-19 crisis, many of us have been working to fight the virus. As "Key Women Educators," we teach remotely and keep learning alive for students. Also, we encourage and recognize students who are now graduating and moving forward in life. Tanya Feagins has had two opportunities to recognize students and promote their future in these times of uncertainty. Below are quotes from her address to Guilford College graduates on May 16, 2020, and from an awards program at Northern Guilford High School both which were videotaped.

"I would like to say congratulations to all of our Guilford College seniors who are now graduates. This is Tanya Feagins class of '71. As an alum I am so happy to welcome you to join us as a new alumni embarking on your path in life. Keep connected to the Guilfordians who have gone before you and the College that has prepared you for a life of

promise and opportunities.

You are the class of 2020, who will be the most significant graduating class of this decade. The perseverance, courage, and knowledge that you have gained these last few months during the virus crisis will be the tools to help you accomplish and advance the human condition. Your experiences will be the basis of new discoveries to adapt and improve the future for everyone. You share a common bond with the previous graduates of Guilford College, who have a belief that we must make the world a better place. You have lived through a tumultuous time and now have the advantage of accomplishing the most for generations to come. You cannot predict when you will have the opportunity to make a great discovery or provide service to the world, but watch for that time and act.

Congratulations, again, as we celebrate and praise you for being a Guilford College graduate. We look forward to seeing you at college events and on the campus. Stay connected to the alumni who know the value of your accomplishments and have an immediate kinship with you. Congratulations graduates!"

Tanya was also asked to make a video to recognize students, who participated in Rotary Youth Exchange and the Rotary Youth Leadership Program during Northern Guilford High School Senior Awards Night which airs on June 5. The school will be honoring students and presenting awards in a video format. Tanya, Club President of the Airport Rotary, will promote opportunities, that Rotary can provide for students to encourage the pursuit of service and leadership. She will share the mission of Rotary and invite students to participate. "Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million, neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in communities, and in ourselves."

From May's Joy Jar

Thank you, Zoë Dillard, for your service as Beta Delta President for the last two years! You have been a thoughtful and gracious leader and we appreciate all you have done for our chapter.



Zoë, Lisa, Dori, and Elaine: Thanks for the great job you did as our chapter officers for the past two years !!



Dori Caligiure: You'll have a few more decades as Secretary of Beta Delta before you catch me in the number of years that I've had as Treasurer. Thanks for agreeing to take on this task again. Your job puts you in the unique and awesome position of getting to know the details of our chapter and its members.



Rose Mosquera: YOU are a rockstar! Thanks for jumping into the Beta Delta Treasurer's arena. This is an office that will afford you many opportunities. One of the greatest things about this job is that you will have your hand on the pulse of the chapter. You'll get to know every member in a special way. I look forward to working w/ you and watching you soar!



Lisa Frissen: Your "Sergeant Peppers" DKG badge holder is starting to fill up. Your eagerness to learn about our society, its purposes, and goals will take you far. Now you're ready to take on the task of Beta Delta President. We look forward to your biennium and the leadership you will bring to it.



Andrea Green, Jamie Powell, Julie Gehling: CONGRATULATIONS!! Welcome to the Beta Delta sisterhood. We so look forward to getting to know you in a more personal way.



(President's Message Continued)

Chapter Achievement Award. Our chapter gave a Shaw-Lewis Grant to two different teachers—just before the pandemic closed schools. The gift cards donated at our last meeting before the pandemic were used for school supplies and to give hungry students food. Our efforts matter; our support makes a difference.

I thanked my "go-to girls" at our Zoom meeting on May 21st. Everyone was supportive, but I needed people to whom I could repeatedly show my most vulnerable face, people who knew the history and workings of the chapter and greater DKG organization inside and out, who had vast experience and time to share it. Elaine McRae and Sheila Groves answered that call without making me feel incompetent. They graciously picked up the slack that fell haphazardly throughout my leadership; there was so much I didn't know. Lisa Frissen, who was inducted the same year I was, really should have been co-president, because, in effect, she was. Her presentations, candor and helpful reminders kept our chapter on track; her technical expertise created an exceptional newsletter and boosted my ability to communicate with the entire chapter—Lisa will be an incredible chapter president!

There is more for all of us to do to support education in this challenging and transformative era. I thank all of you for your patience, support and understanding over the past biennium. Most of all, I am grateful for each of you -- for the intelligent, caring and dedicated women that you are. Women who know what it is to stay up late grading papers; staying after school to talk to a kid in crisis; staying awake worrying about students or whether your new lesson plan will work; enduring abusive parents; contributing your own money in the face of insufficient school budgets; taking time to comfort kids, parents and fellow educators; making the effort to support education, regardless career stage. You are DKG.

I look forward to getting to know each of you better,
Zoë

Birthdays

May

Ginger Parnell – May 6
Melody Smith – May 8
Rebecca Willoughby –
May 30

June

Helen Allen – June 6
Liliana B. Jordanov – June
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July

Hazel Perritt – July 9
Myra Moore Aderholdt –
July 21
Donna Ray – July 22

August

Rinda Estes – Aug. 1
Avery McGuire – Aug. 1
Janis Antonek – Aug. 16
Kim Pemberton – Aug. 19
Mary Sharpe – Aug. 23
Tanya Feagins – Aug. 28

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Important Dates

**State and International
Conventions Virtual
Events**

Date and Time TBA

**Executive Board
Meeting**

August 2020, Date and
Time TBA



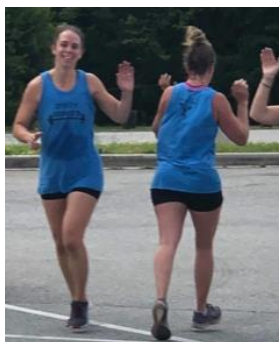
Marinna Skye Smith, daughter of Brian and Melody Smith, graduated in May with a dual degree in Biological Sciences and Experimental Psychology with a Chemistry minor from the South Carolina Honors College at the University of South Carolina. She attended Guilford County Schools while growing up and was a high

school graduate of the Early College at Guilford.

She will be attending medical school in the fall at the U of SC-Greenville to become a physician.



Over Memorial Day I participated in the workout called "Murph". Murph was a lieutenant in the Navy Seals and lost his life serving our country. Every Memorial Day cross fitters around the works complete this workout. It was



his favorite and it consists of a 1 mile run, 100 pull ups, 200 pushups, 300 air squats and weights with another mile run. I finished in 44. For more about the "Murph" workout, click [here](#).



New inductee, Andrea Green, won Teacher of the Year at the Middle College @ UNCG for the 2019-2020 academic school year.

She is an English teacher and she has been teaching for 7 years total and 5 years at the Middle College @UNCG. Andrea also received a teacher recruitment grant from the Tau Chapter of DKG when she was a senior in high school.



Ann Pember also wanted to share a photo of her daughter's family. Her grandson (with the trophy) is a hockey player and the other grandson sings and performs in plays and shows. A talented family!



In memoriam

Remembering two reserve members and one former Beta Delta member we've lost



Carole "Anne" Campbell Houseman passed away at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital on April 8, 2020. She worked in the field of education for 39 years and taught at various levels in several different locations. Click [here](#) to view her full obituary. **Memories of Anne:** Ann Pember remembers speaking to her over the phone and remarks that she was a charming sister. Elaine McRae mentioned that she was a friend of Betty McNairy who moved her after retirement from Florida to be near her brother. Unfortunately, her health declined not long after moving here and she moved to assisted living/healthcare at Abbotswood.



Helen Peden Medlin passed away at Friends Home West in Greensboro on Sunday, May 10, 2020. Both she and her husband dedicated their lives to education. After having taught math in various elementary schools, she opened Claxton Elementary School as its first principal. Click [here](#) to view her full obituary. **Memories of Helen:** Ann Pember wasn't personally acquainted with Helen but some of her friends had children who attended Claxton Elementary when she was a principal there. Elaine McRae knew Helen from visiting with her at Friends Home West. She lived just down the hall from Elaine's mother. She and Sheila Groves visited with her on her 100th birthday and presented her with flowers from our chapter.



Helen Shealy "Peggy" Tesh passed away at Hospice of Rockingham County on April 7, 2020. She taught kindergarten and first grade in three different Greensboro schools for 30 years. Click [here](#) to read her full obituary. **Memories of Peggy:** Ann Pember remembers working with Peggy and it being a joy. She learned so much from her. Her classroom was a happy one and she taught Ann well. Jane Mitchell and Elaine McRae shared that Peggy's family had a nursery and she always contributed poinsettias as table décor for our Holiday Brunch. The chapter then sold them and used the proceeds for our World Fellowship Fund. Tanya Feagins' husband, David, knew Peggy Tesh when he was assistant principal at Sternberger Elementary in the mid-1980's. She was a master kindergarten teacher and used excellent developmentally appropriate methodology. Her students absolutely loved her. Peggy believed in "hands on" learning experiences for the "K's." She was one of the most nurturing teachers he ever observed.

News from NC DKG and International

Headquarters Gets Spring Facelift

By: Mary Beth Dailey, Chair, Headquarters Committee

Spring has brought good changes to Headquarters.

When spots were noticed on the ceiling in two rooms and the hall bath, Headquarters

Committee had someone come and check the roof. Thankfully, insurance was quick to respond and covered the cost of replacing the roof and repairing the ceilings. In addition to this work, all outside doors and railings will be painted soon. Headquarters is looking good!



Publish in a DKG Bulletin

Now, with stay at home orders in place, is a good time to write your thoughts or share your practices and/or re-search in a professional journal—a DKG Bulletin. Submit an article to bulletin@dkg.org. Upcoming deadlines and themes (as appropriate) are:

Collegial Exchange (87-2; Print); Postmark deadline is Aug. 1, 2020.

Journal: Educators' Choice (87-3; Online); Postmark by Oct. 1, 2020.

Collegial Exchange (87-4; Print); Postmark deadline is Dec. 15, 2020.

You can find more information about submissions and publication guidelines under the specific Bulletin link on the [Publications tab](#) of the DKG website.

2020 International and State Conventions Canceled due to Covid-19

Both the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia and the NC DKG Convention were canceled this year due to Covid-19. Members who had registered for either event should have received an email with information on refund options.

Click on the picture below for the video message from International President Cathy Dougherty:



Click on the picture below for the video message from NC DKG President Dr. Teresa Cowan:



Message from the NC DKG President, Dr. Teresa H. Cowan Facing Challenges In Spite of Obstacles

John C. Maxwell, author of *How Successful People Grow*, believes in order to grow, one must recognize the difference between a challenge and a fact of life. A fact of life, like your genetic profile, is something you cannot change, whereas a challenge is something you can change and you can GROW through! Challenges, along with their obstacles, are opportunities for change. Change ultimately stimulates GROWth.

Let's remember the challenges and obstacles we have grown through as this pandemic (hopefully) draws to a close. Knowing challenges will continue to present themselves, let's agree to look for constructive change in order to GROW.

Here are the Three S's that help me face challenges in spite of obstacles:

1. Surround yourself with supportive people who push you beyond what you believe capable!
2. Structure your day to include time for nurturing of the mind, body and spirit!
3. See yourself as capable - in spite of what the world might be saying to you!

Beta Alpha president, in her recent newsletter message, quoted Loretta Lynn, "You've got to continue to grow or you're just like last night's cornbread, stale and dry!"

Question to ponder as we move forward: What are you doing to prevent becoming "stale and dry" chapters? What steps are you taking to stay fresh and GROW?

Ready, Set, GROW!

Dolly Parton is Newest International Honorary Member



In recognition of her notable service to education, Dolly Parton is the newest international honorary member of DKG. Besides being an award-winning American singer, actress, and Country Music Hall of Fame inductee, in 1995 Parton launched the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL), which had gifted more than 133 million free books to children worldwide as of February 2020. The program was first launched in her childhood home of

Sevier County, Tennessee, and quickly became a success; national replication began in 2000, and more than one million books were distributed by 2003.

High-quality, age-appropriate books are mailed free of charge to all children participating, no matter their family's income, from birth until they begin school. Community partners also put their passion to work every day to make this program successful. Parton and the DPIL have received numerous awards and honors for their commitment to enhancement of children's lives internationally.

DPIL has embraced the COVID situation by creating "Goodnight with Dolly — Imagination Library Bedtime Stories with Dolly Parton," where Parton reads a series of Imagination Library books specifically chosen for this unique moment in time. Once a week for 10 weeks, Parton reads a book at 7:00 PM EST and delivers a message to keep hope alive and pass on the love. The series began on April 2, and all dates and books can be found by visiting <https://imaginationlibrary.com/goodnight-with-dolly/>.

DKG Gallery of Fine Arts Spring Show Open

Many NC DKG members are featured in the [DKG Spring 2020 Gallery](#) in the online DKG Gallery of Fine Arts. Individuals are listed in the summer issue of NC DKG News.

There are two contributions in poetry from our very own members: Kelly Arnold submitted a poem entitled "[Evening Song](#)" and Lisa Frissen submitted a poem entitled "[Sinking Pearl](#)."

NC DKG Educational Foundation Raffle



The NC DKG Educational Foundation is proud to announce that Travis Driver, NC artist and

educator, has donated a beautiful piece of guitar artwork for a Foundation charity raffle. This piece of artwork is valued at more than \$500.

Travis, who is an art educator himself, is the son of an art educator and the husband of an art educator. He knows, first-hand, how difficult it is for teachers to gain funding for classroom projects and supplies. He stated that, "He is extremely impressed with the work that the Foundation is doing, the way the Foundation is organized, the website, and its purpose." It gives him pleasure to be able to help his fellow educators and the students that they teach.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. Directions on how to order tickets can be found on the Foundation website — www.ncdkgef.org.

Proceeds will be used to support Foundation grants for NC educators. Drawing will be held on October 17, 2020.



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Due to COVID-19 **JULY 11-18 2021**

Time to Catch Up on Reading NC DKG Executive Secretary & DKG Editorial Board: Dr. Barbara Perry-Sheldon

Feeling too housebound? Need something to read? Consider catching up on reading the publications from DKG International.

In your mail, you receive the Collegial Exchange magazine. If you haven't taken the time to read this publication, please do. Once you read your copy, you can pass it along to another educator or place them in a doctor's office for the public to see. (We hope that both options will be available when you are reading this!)

You may want to take the time to go to www.dkg.org and read the current issue of the International Journal which is only online. Links to both the Journal and the Collegial Exchange magazine are on the website. If you are interested in reading back issues, you may log into the website. You can even search the journal by topic.

I encourage you to not only read these publications but to consider writing for the journal and magazine. Share your research, a book or technology review, a personal experience from your work or a program idea, or simply write a letter to the editor. Guidelines and due dates for the publications are included in each issue and on the website. Don't forget, you may read the International DKG News on the [website](#), too.

U.S. FORUM CONNECTION, May 2020

Women hit hard by Covid-19

Health Care and Social Workers

Women comprise the majority of health and social care workers, and are on the front lines of the fight against COVID-19. Statistics show that 78% of all healthcare and social assistance workers are women. Data states that 77% of all hospital employees are women.

Child Care

Mass school closures have particularly affected women because they still bear much of the responsibility for childcare. Our childcare system was not supporting women and families prior to Covid-19. With the additional burden of closed businesses, at home work and children needing educational support, the primary responsibility is placed on women.

Food Insecurities

Households headed by single women and women living alone display food insecurities. Food insecurity has been reported as higher in households located in nonmetropolitan areas. Regionally the food insecurity rate was highest in the South followed by the Northeast. Between 2016-18 the following states had above average food insecurity: Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and West Virginia.

Employment and Earnings

Women have been hit hard by the coronavirus labor market. Women are most likely to be laid off or given shorter hours during the crisis and post crisis. More than ever, we need to support legislation that assists women in these areas.

Sources:

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<https://www.healthcareers.com/article/healthcare-news/does-healthcare-have-a-gender-problem> Joyce, Trish; Does Healthcare have a Gender Problem, 4.24.18

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<https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/why-gender-matters-impact-and-recovery-covid-19>

Pandemic shows how important public schools are to their communities

As states closed public school systems, the nation saw the wide range of necessary services schools provide to students in addition to instruction. Public schools, serving 50 million students, also provide meals, health and social support essential to child welfare and development. School districts are now attempting to deliver instruction from a distance, but also to maintain the vital personal connection teachers and other staff provide, especially to their most vulnerable students. Teachers read bedtime stories online, tutor students from outside the students' front doors and drive by students' homes to check in. Counselors make themselves available through any electronic means possible. Wendy Lecker. "A daily decay of American education during coronavirus." Stamford (CT) Advocate. April 4, 2020

<https://www.stamfordadvocate.com/news/article/Wendy-Lecker-A-daily-decay-of-American-education-15177716.php>

How much federal funding is needed for schools to survive fiscal blow

The \$13.5 billion federal CARES Act will not be enough to spare school districts from painful budget cuts. America's public schools will need \$70 billion for three consecutive years in the next round of federal stimulus spending to avoid painful cuts such as teacher layoffs, according to a new analysis. That level of spending would help blunt the dramatic budget cuts that districts will likely be forced to make because of the pandemic.

Daarel Burnett II. "How Much Federal Money Do Schools Need to Survive the Coming Financial Blow?" Education Week. April 20, 2020

<https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2020/04/20/how-much-federal-money-do-schools-need.html?cmp=eml-enl-eu-news2-rm&M=59521771&U=252955&UUID=dcf379af08119fa8d853cdc6f688bfca>

U.S.E.D. releases \$13.5 billion more in coronavirus education aid

The \$13.5 billion in emergency coronavirus funding for K-12 schools was included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law last month. The money will initially go to states, but at least 90% ultimately must be passed along to school districts via the Title I formula designed to help schools with large shares of students from low-income households. Andrew Ujifusa.

"Betsy DeVos Releases Billions More in Coronavirus Education Aid." Education Week. April 23, 2020

https://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2020/04/betsy_devos_releases_billions_coronavirus_education_aid.html

Mental Health Issues and Young People Daphne Cagle, U.S. Forum SW Representative

Background

According to the Mayo Clinic "Mental illness, also called mental health disorders, refers to a wide range of mental health conditions — disorders that affect your mood, thinking and behavior. Examples of mental illness include depression, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia, eating disorders and addictive behaviors.

Many people have mental health concerns from time to time. But a mental health concern becomes a mental illness when ongoing signs and symptoms cause frequent stress and affect your ability to function."

Key points

- [Project Aware](#) (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education) has as its goal to increase awareness of mental health issues among school aged youth, to provide training for school personnel, to detect and respond to mental health issues, and connect school age youth with serious mental illness and their families with needed services. [S.1122](#) (listed below) aims to provide grant funding for this program. [US Department of Health & Human Services](#)
- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 1 in 5 children are diagnosed with "mental disorders such as ADHD, Tourette syndrome, behavioral issues, mood and anxiety disorders, autism spectrum disorders, or substance abuse disorders."
- In the United States one of five adolescents age 15-24 experience serious mental health disorders, and one in eight have been diagnosed with depression. [NAMI](#)
- States with mandated mental health policies in public schools have significantly lower adolescent and young adult suicide and substance abuse rates. The policies that lead to lower suicide and substance abuse rates include school mandated mental health centers, social emotional curriculum, and school professional development in suicide prevention. [Syracuse University Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion](#)
- Schools with mandated school family engagement programs and anti-bullying programs also have significantly lower adolescent and young adult suicide rates than states without these programs. [Syracuse University Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion](#)

Current Federal Legislation

H.R. 4194 National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2019 Introduced 8/20/19 By Representative Stewart (R-UT)

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission to designate 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for a national suicide prevention and mental-health crisis hotline. **Current Status:** Referred to the subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

S. 2661 National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2019 Introduced 10/22/19 by Sen. Gardner (R-CO)

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to designate 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis Line, and for other purposes. **Current Status:** 12/11/2019 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

S.1122 Mental Health Services for Students Act of 2019 Introduced 4/10/19 by Senator Tina Smith, (D-MN) This bill provides specific statutory authority for the Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education) State

Educational Agency Grant Program that is administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The program supports school-based mental health services, including screening, treatment, and outreach programs. **Current Status:** 4/10/19 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

S.1668 Defending Access to Mental Health Care Act Introduced 5/23/2019 Sponsor: Senator Jon Tester (DMT) This bill expands the National Health Service Corps Program to include service in pediatric inpatient mental health facilities (such facilities may qualify as health professional shortage areas under the program. **Current Status:** 5/23/19 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S.1642 Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act Introduced in Senate. 05/23/2019 by Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) This bill directs the Department of Education (ED) to award grants to partnerships between educational agencies and graduate institutions to increase the number of school-based mental-health services providers employed by low income local educational agencies (LEAs). Grant funds may be used for specified purposes, including to provide student loan forgiveness and tuition credits and to support recruitment, hiring, and training. In addition, ED shall establish a program to provide student-loan forgiveness for individuals who (1) are not, and have never been, participants in the grant program established by the bill; and (2) have been employed by low-income LEAs for five or more consecutive school years as mental-health services providers. **Current Status:** 5/23/19 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 4381 Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Act Introduced 09/18/2019. Sponsor: Rep. Katherine M. Clark (D-MA) Cosponsors: (1) Committees: House - Education and Labor This bill directs the Department of Education to award grants to state educational agencies to support school-based, mental-health-services providers at public elementary and secondary schools. **Current Status:** 09/18/2019 Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

S.2499 — 116th Congress (2019-2020) Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Act. Sponsor: Sen. Merkley, Jeff (D-OR)] Cosponsors: (8) Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. A summary is in progress **Current Status:** 09/18/2019 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pension.

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