

Annotated Webliography

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Introduction

Dissertation Topic: Teachers' mental health as they transition from brick-and-mortar environment to remote learning as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Coronavirus has affected families worldwide in many ways, either experiencing death, financial hardships, or an emotional perspective. Many frontliners were instantly in a dilemma: Do I go to work to support my family or do I stay home to keep my family safe? All over the world, teachers continue to share their stories. One main issue that I see many teachers talk about is mental health. Therefore, my study will include identifying their mental health issues and creating positive resolutions. Below are some online communities and resources that will be included in my study.

1. **EDWEB.NET** is free for those who want to connect on a social level or for those seeking professional training in particular relations to the challenges teachers face during the pandemic. Currently, there are over 350 webinars and panels with over 2,000 programs for teachers in grades PreK-12. Not only can teachers and school leaders use this website to learn about best practice ideas, school districts can also create their online community through this website. One of the upcoming workshops related to my topic is *Tomorrow's New Normal: What It Means for Professional Development*. <https://home.edweb.net/webinar/pd20210223/>
2. **APA** includes a team of over 122,000 representatives within the world of psychology. Some of these team members include researchers, educators, clinicians, and consultants who focus on the issues within the society that impact many lives. To become a member, all you have to do is click on the link that says, "Become an APA Member." There is a simple 4 step procedure to follow. APA has a great article related to my topic: Zoom school's mental toll on kids. <https://www.apa.org/news/apa/2020/10/online-learning-mental-health>
3. **NCTE** is an organization that has been in existence for over 100 years. NCTE provides solid support for many teachers by sharing stories and experiences by being an online learning resource. This organization believes in the power of literacy. Over 25,000 members have full access to current trends in best practices and resources that represent the community's needs, particularly stakeholders in education from a local, state, and national level. Some of the online community events that they have include member gatherings, seminars, and chat rooms. To become a member, all you have to do is click on the "Join Today!" on the website: <https://ncte.org/>.
4. **EDUTOPIA** is an educational foundation that has serviced the community for over 30 years with a membership that continues to grow. FUNFACT: The famous American filmmaker who created movies like "Star Wars" helped make Edutopia and the Lucas Education Research in 1991! Bringing more of a classroom feel to distance learning. Edutopia is a trend-setter for best practice from a global perspective. Simultaneously, the Lucas Education Research works diligently with educators, universities, and research

firms to promote and create dialogue relating to the importance of quality education and lifelong learning opportunities needed for the 21st Century. There is a “Sign-Up” link on the website: <https://www.edutopia.org/article/theres-app-school-counseling-and-sel-go-online>.

5. **THE EDUCATOR’S ROOM** was created by a teacher who got fed-up with teachers not being recognized as an essential part of educational reform. She felt as though teachers should be addressed and recognized as “real experts.” Therefore, this website is an opportunity for teachers to share their ideas for real global change. The mental health support for remote teaching and learning. This website is also open to parents who want to get involved in the movement for positivity, collaboration learning, and professional development opportunities through many social media platforms. There are also published articles, books, and products available on their website. There is a “Get Involved” icon on the top of the website: <https://theeducatorsroom.com/mental-health-support-for-remote-teaching-and-learning/>.
6. **TEACH.COM** supports the educational needs either in person or online. This company provides an array of information to further your education, from curriculum development to degree opportunities. They also have a blog for the online community to keep up with current news. One of the resources related to my topic is 50 resources to support teachers' and schools' mental health. <https://teach.com/resources/mental-health-resources-teachers-school-staff/>
7. **LinkedIn Education Groups** provides an open forum for educators and others to discuss important issues. Information about upcoming workshops, forums, and events are shared continuously on this online community platform.
8. **Teachers Connect** has many online resources to help teachers build best practice opportunities while working in the classroom. There are board members, teachers and others who can communicate online on a consistent basis. You can type your name and email address at the bottom of the webpage for more information: <https://www.teachersconnect.com/>.
9. **Twitter EdChats** has over 350 million people. Many have a chance to share the new trends in education and share fantastic ideas and events in their community. With the stress that so many teachers face as a result of the pandemic, sharing exciting and fun events and stories is so refreshing. Where is the link: <https://twitter.com/hashtag/edchat>.
10. **Facebook Education Groups** allows for open dialogue to occur through ongoing interaction and online dialogue. There are also endless opportunities for teachers to develop a support system and friendship during these unprecedented times. Parents also can share information, get ideas through collaboration, and feel they have a role to play in how education is viewed today. Currently, there are 6.2 million followers. Please see their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/browse/see_all/?category_id=1845078048847617