



# The COVID-19 Slide and the Future of Summer Learning

Voices of Summer Webinar Series



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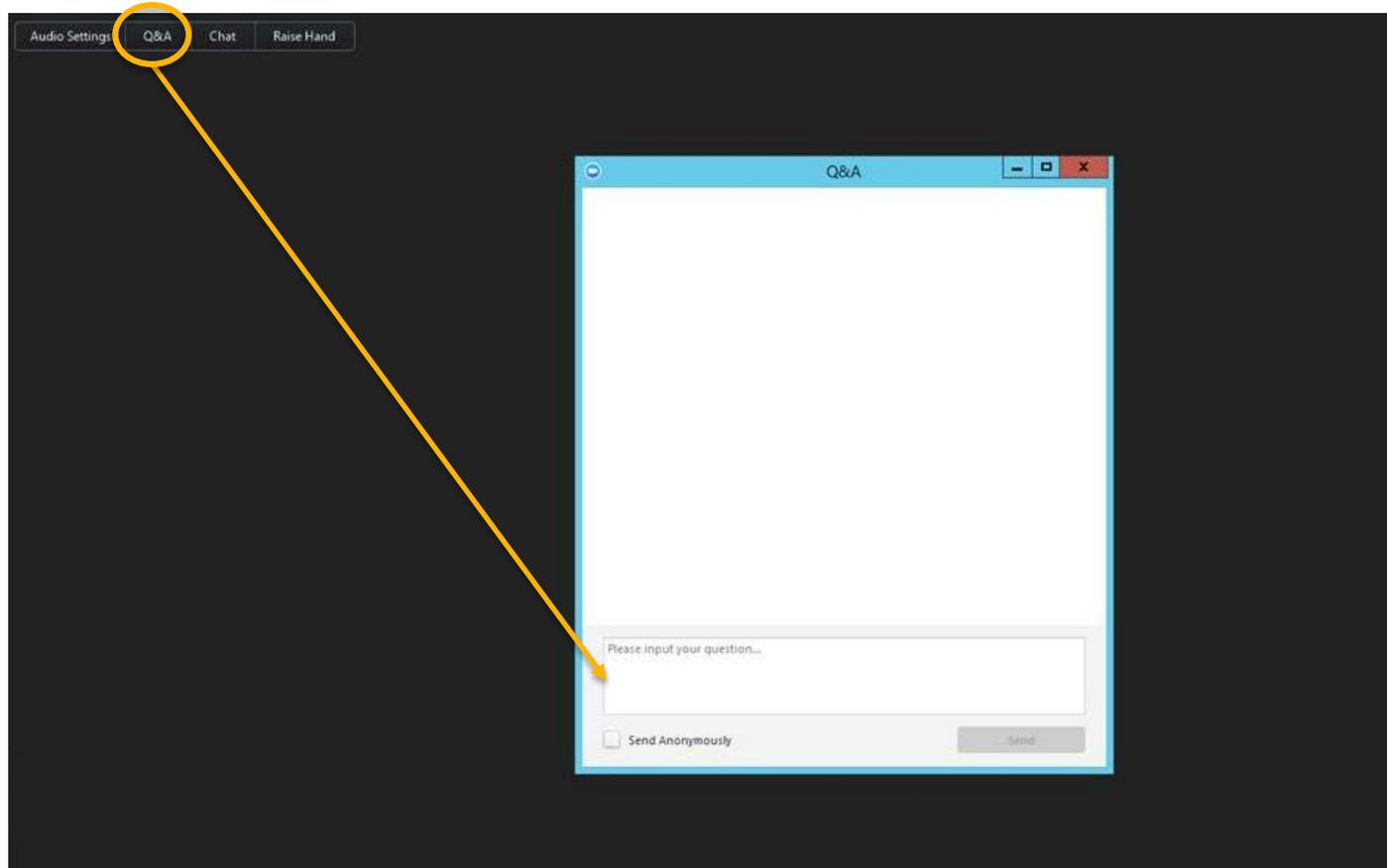
National Summer Learning Association



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# About NSLA

NSLA is a national, non-profit organization focused on the powerful impact of one achievable goal: investing in summer learning to help close the achievement gap. NSLA uses the power of research, advocacy, training, and policy to transform America's neighborhoods and communities, one child at a time.

Our work is based on the simple idea that summer—a time that is easily overlooked yet critical to educational development—is bursting with possibility, and instrumental in closing the achievement gap between privileged children and our most vulnerable children.



# Why Summers Matter



Summer is the time of greatest inequity for young people. When schools are closed, many low income young people lack access to meals, books and other learning resources, and physical activity.

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# Panelists



**Dr. Megan Kuhfeld**  
*Research Scientist*  
NWEA



**Dr. Beth Tarasawa**  
*EVP, Research*  
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# The COVID-19 slide? What summer learning loss can tell us about the potential impact of school closures on student academic achievement

Dr. Megan Kuhfeld, Research Scientist  
Dr. Beth Tarasawa, EVP, Research

# About NWEA

NWEA is a **research-based, not-for-profit organization** that supports students and educators worldwide by creating assessment solutions that precisely measure growth and proficiency—and provide insights to help tailor instruction.



Across 40 years, NWEA has developed Pre-K-12 assessments and professional learning offerings to help advance all students along their optimal learning paths. **Our tools are trusted by educators in more than 9,300 schools, districts, and education agencies in 146 countries. We serve 11.6 million students in the U.S. alone.**

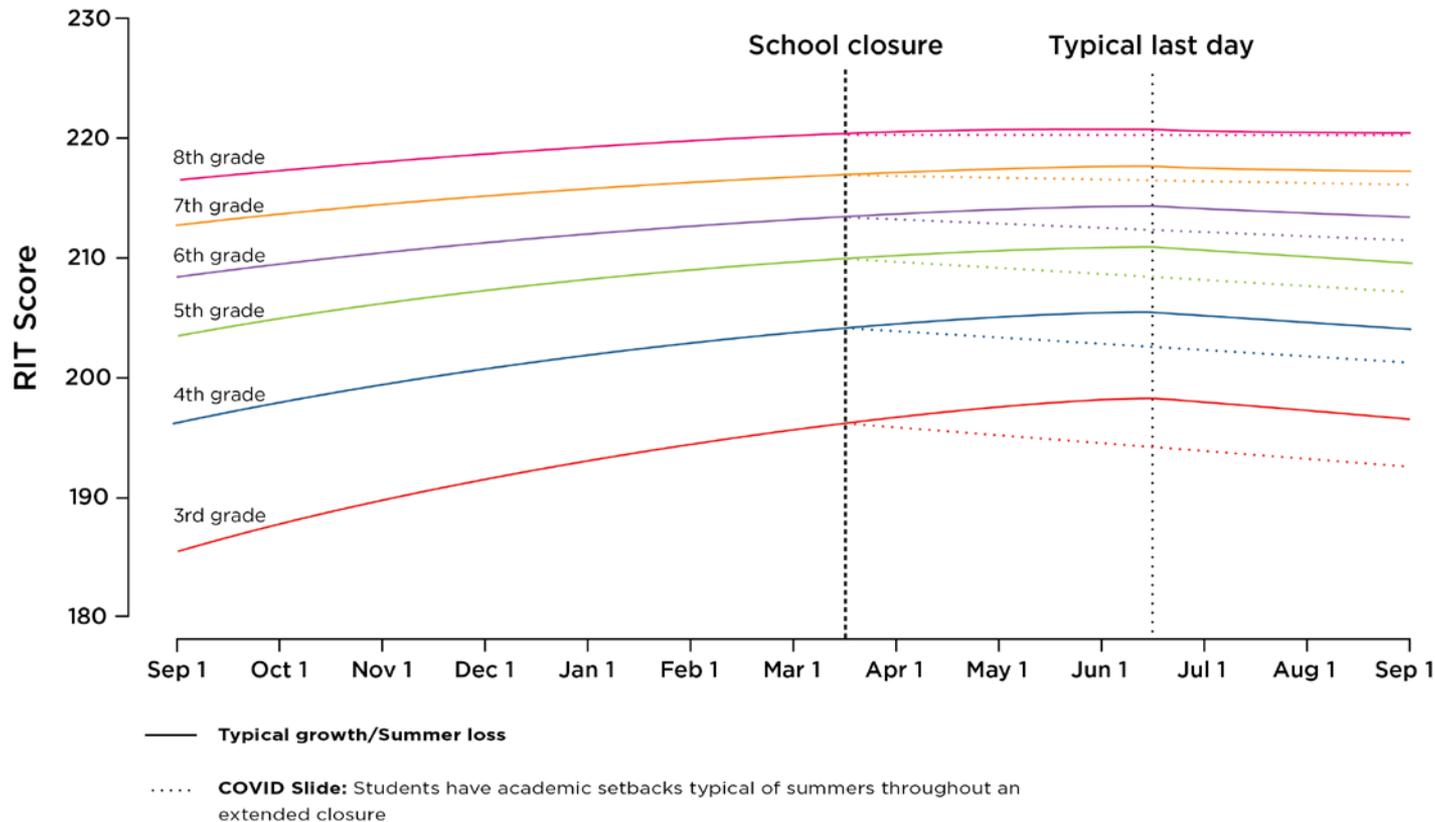
# NWEA: Rigorous & Relevant Research

- + ***Center for School & Student Progress***  
engages with schools to influence educational practices and policies that promote student success
- + ***Collaborative for Student Growth***  
transforms education research through advancements in assessment, growth measurement, and the availability of longitudinal data



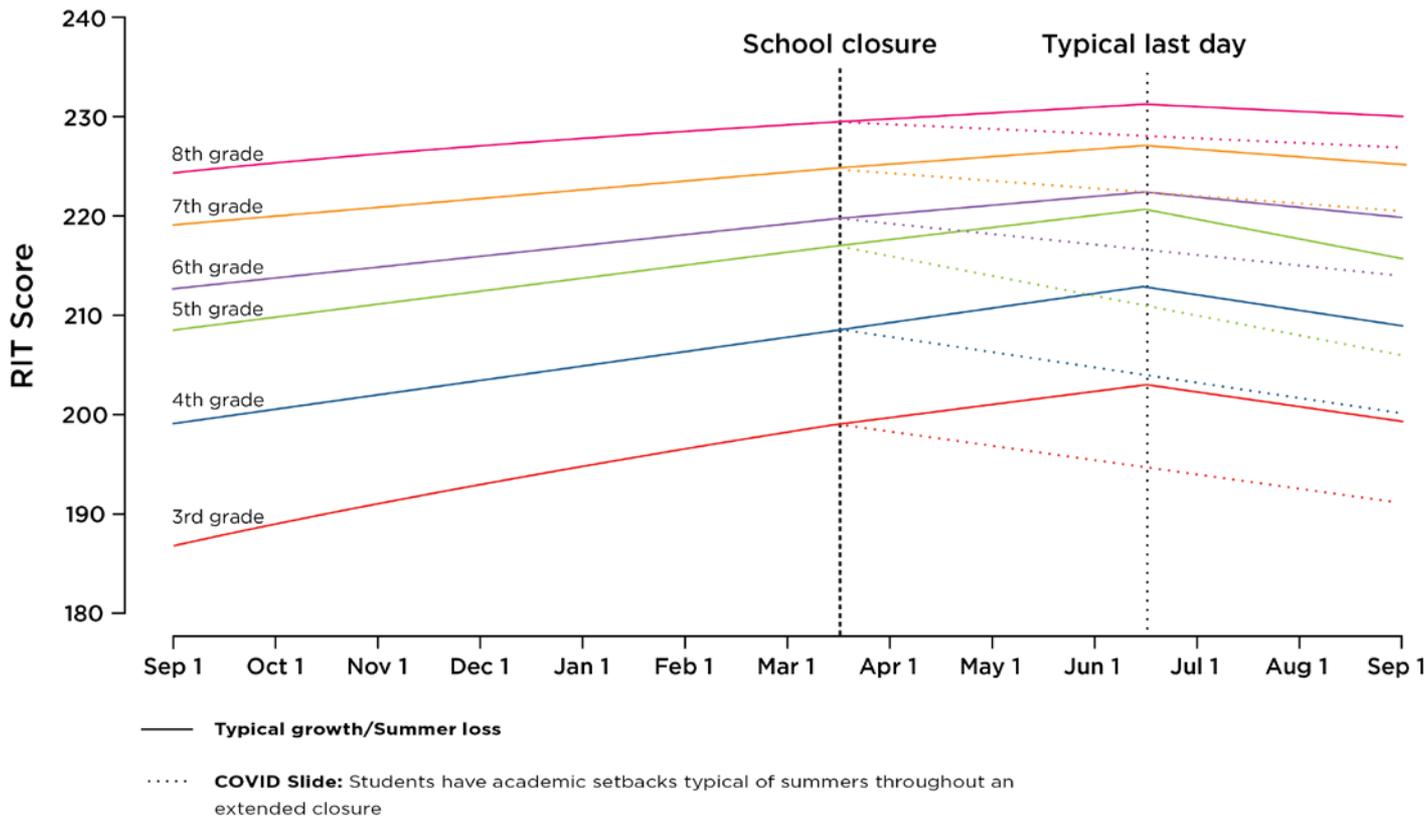
# COVID-19 Learning Loss: Reading forecast

Forecasted trajectories for grades 3-8, reading RIT scores based on COVID-19 induced school closures.



# COVID-19 Learning Loss: Mathematics forecast

Forecasted trajectories for grades 3-8, math RIT scores based on COVID-19 induced school closures.



# Our Policy Recommendations for Partners

*Use federal investments and flexibilities to close the inevitable gaps – now and in the future.*

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**Make up lost instructional time. More time with teachers—whatever it takes.**

2

**Create very clear, strategic restart plans for schools now.**

3

**Surround kids with learning outside the classroom.**

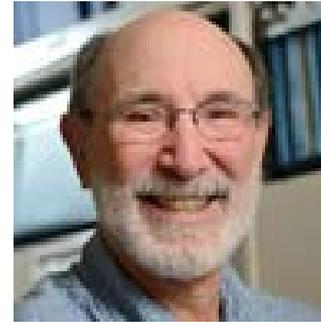
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**Use the demand for distance learning as a catalyst to create more blended learning options.**

# Panelists



***Dr. Matthew Boulay***  
*Founder*  
*NSLA*



**Dr. Karl Alexander**  
Academy Professor and John Dewey  
Professor Emeritus, Sociology  
Johns Hopkins University

# Questions



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# National Summer Learning Week



*National Summer Learning Week is a national advocacy day aimed at elevating the importance of keeping kids learning, safe and healthy every summer – all so students return to school ready to soar!*

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