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RE: 2020 MACUL Conference Status Update

To Whom It May Concern:

It has been a whirlwind few days for all of us at MACUL. Due to guidance from state health and government entities, and in light of many of our participants now being required by their schools and districts to leave the site, the 2020 MACUL Conference and all related conference events are canceled as of 5 p.m. today.

We know how important this conference and its content is to our members, and we are working with our speakers on a way to provide their presentations/resources to you at a later date.

Throughout this process, we have been as responsive as possible based on the news that we were receiving about COVID-19 from trusted public health and government entities. Unfortunately, the timing of Gov. Whitmer's recent press conference occurred after the conference had already begun and created a very trying situation for all of us.

The MACUL team has done its absolute best to serve all of its members. Our small staff and team of volunteers has worked tirelessly to adjust and offer a virtual/blended learning option for attendees.

Regarding SCECH's, MACUL will be accepting forms, on the honor system, [via email](#) for all on site and virtual attendees. The \$10 processing fee will be waived. For those who have submitted their SCECH forms on site, you will have the option for a reimbursement or credit for a future MACUL event. To receive more information on reimbursement or credit, please email macul@macul.org. In compliance with state rules, SCECH forms must be turned in by April 1.

MACUL will be actively working through cancellation requests over the next several days, weeks and likely into April. We will process requests on a case-by-case basis. We are asking for and hoping that many of you will understand the need for non-profit organizations like MACUL to apply our policies in these situations, as they maintain the long-term health of the organization and ultimately help preserve our ability to serve the great education community now and for many years to come.

Thank you for your patience and understanding today as we worked through a few technical bumps. The response from the #MACUL20 community has been overwhelmingly positive and encouraging, and we can't fully express to you how much that has meant to our team.

The next few weeks — potentially months — will be an interesting time for us all. Students, teachers and administrators will be looking to technology leaders, like you, for answers. Let's continue this positivity and patience as we face these challenges head on, together.