

Education Support: Scope of Work – West Ed

1. **Program Analysis and Evaluation: Higher Education**

Consultant will conduct a needs assessment and review of current plans for in person reopening and maintaining operational strategies at state colleges and universities, given the entity's size, student body makeup, commuter population, participation rate in sports and extracurriculars, and operating policies and regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, considerations of pooled COVID-19 testing. Consultant will assemble a small panel, including both researchers and practitioners, to develop a typology of interventions needed to support in person learning while managing the COVID-19 virus. If there are two to three or more interventions that are being implemented in multiple municipalities, have sufficient enrollment, and for which there is a credible comparison group, Consultant will evaluate and monitor the outcomes. If it is determined that an evaluation is not possible due to numbers or implementation decisions, then the Consultant will provide guidance on what is needed in future iterations for an evaluation to be possible and ongoing supports needed. Consultant will also provide case studies of best practices in RI.

2. **Equity Review and Initiatives.** Consultant will conduct an equity review to examine the impact of learning loss on the most vulnerable students across PK-12 in the state. The review will encompass a review of key programs across the state and within municipalities to provide recommendations for equity-focused strategies for recovery efforts.

3. **Metrics and Accountability of Outcomes.** Consultant will develop key metrics, aligned to the [RI Department of Education's Learning, Equity, and Accelerated Pathway \(LEAP\) report](#), to monitor program execution and outcomes, including a process for monitoring implementation of PK-12 reopening plans and innovations in education policy and practice in the state and municipalities. Consultant will build a custom RI-specific dashboard to monitor and publicly report out on progress toward key outcome metrics. Consultant will review progress with relevant RI government entities during project management meetings and as requested.

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