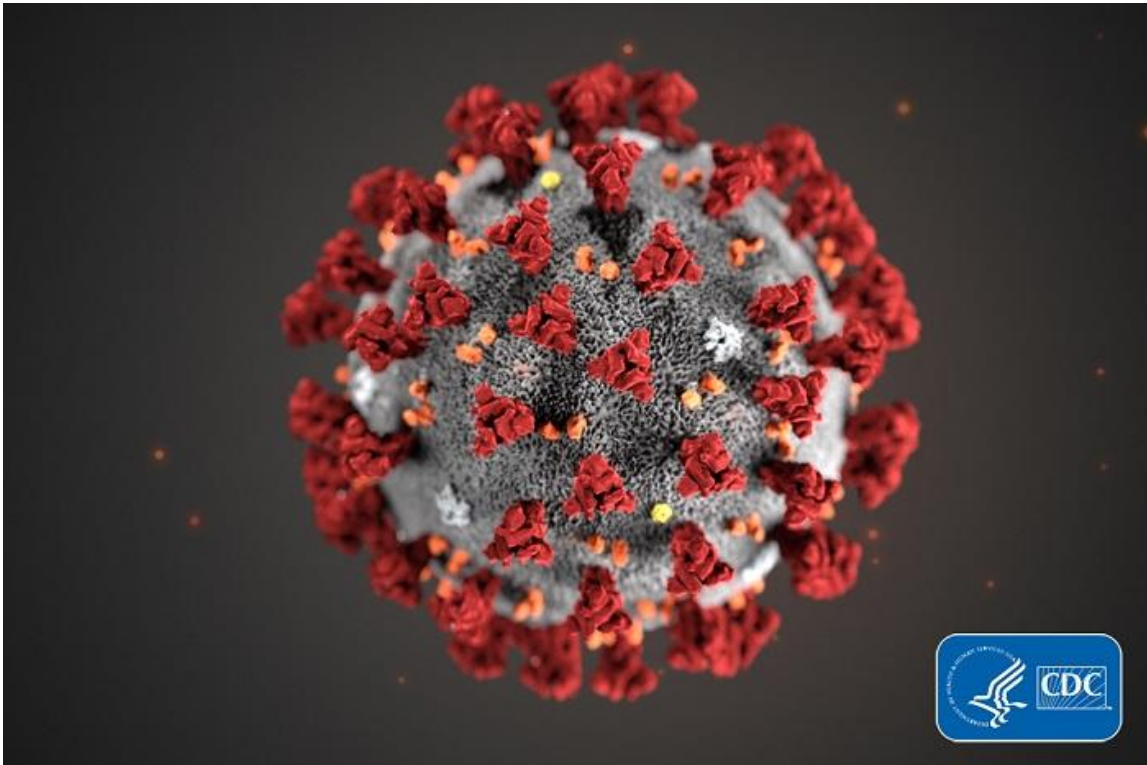


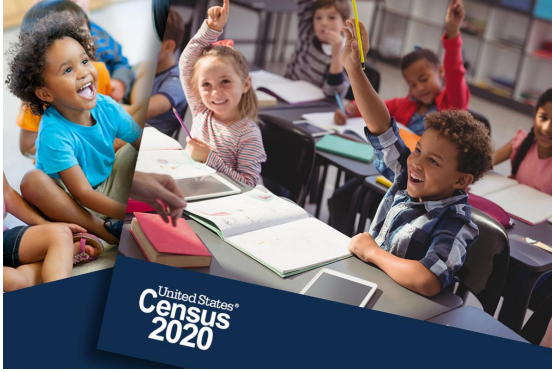
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Nation's Big-City Public Schools Working Aggressively To Contain the Coronavirus

On January 31, Seattle Public Schools posted its first message about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on the district website shortly after the first coronavirus case in the United States was confirmed in Washington. Since then, the school district has kept students and parents continuously informed by posting [information on its website](#) and social media channels, creating an FAQ, sending letters to staff and families, and featuring on its YouTube channel a [daily video of Seattle Schools Superintendent Denise Juneau](#) addressing community concerns as they occur.

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Big-City School Districts Push to Get Everyone Counted in 2020 Census

The official launch of the 2020 U.S Census was March 11, 2020 and households across the nation will soon begin receiving official U.S. Census Bureau mail with information on how to complete the census online, by phone or by mail.

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New Leaders Named in Nashville and Norfolk

Tennessee's Metro Nashville Public Schools decided they didn't have to go far to select a new leader. The school board recently cancelled their search for a director of schools and named Adrienne Battle, who has served as the district's interim director for the past 11 months, to lead the 86,000-student school system.

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Memphis Program Aims to Increase the Number of Male Educators of Color

"None of my teachers look like me," is a common refrain of African-American male students in the nation's public school systems, and it is not a surprising observation. According to the U.S. Department of Education, only two percent of public school educators nationally are black males.

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El Paso Twins Accepted to West Point and Annapolis Academies

Twin brothers Eric and David Esqueda will face a new challenge following the end of their senior year at Jefferson/Silva High School in El Paso, Texas. The brothers will head to different military academies in the fall.



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Unrealistic Cuts in Funding Proposed in Administration's FY 2021 Education Budget

President Donald Trump unveiled his FY 2021 Federal Budget request with virtually no support or interest among education groups or on Capitol Hill. The Education Department proposed a 10 percent funding cut, effectively replicating many of the reductions previously rejected by Congress.

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Newspaper Honors Urban School Leaders in Houston, Tulsa, and Palm Beach

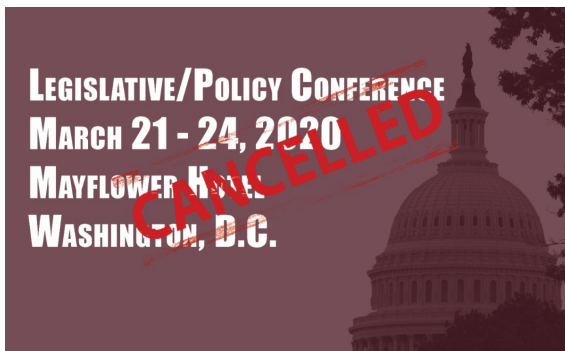
The lead nutritionist in the Houston Independent School District, the chief financial officer in Tulsa Public Schools and the head of human resources in Florida's School District of Palm Beach County are among Education Week's dozen winners of its 2020 "Leaders to Learn From" competition.

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