



Central and Eastern European Schools Association

May 21, 2020

Dear CEESA Leaders and Educators,

The CEESA Board of Directors met last Friday to discuss the issue of travel; both for professional development for educators and for student athletics and activities. At this time, with the information we have, we have decided to re-imagine all events scheduled for the fall and for these to be delivered virtually.

This is a complex issue and we are responding in a conservative manner. Most schools are preparing to open in the fall, and we recognize that the situation could change quickly. We also understand that member countries are making daily decisions about courses of action and we cannot predict what may happen next fall, if schools need to close again.

“Transformation through Collaboration” is the cornerstone for all of the events that the CEESA Team supports. We will provide on-going assistance for virtual and onsite events as scheduled.

It has been exciting that so many groups have been holding weekly “Job-A-Likes” and we are prepared to support others throughout the remainder of this year, into the fall, and beyond.

CEESA will host four virtual learning events** this fall including:
New—One-day CEESA Conference—September 12, 2020.
Assessment Conference—October 9-10, 2020
Governance Training Heads and Boards—October 23-24, 2020
Transforming Schools—November 11-14, 2020.

**More information will be shared about these events and how to register and attend them.

We are continuing with plans for an onsite CEESA Conference scheduled for Budapest, March 11-14, 2021. Other professional development events and in-person Job-A-Likes may be scheduled for the second half of the year and, if needed, postponed or canceled if COVID-19 returns.

Fall CEESA student athletics and activities events that require travel have been canceled. ACADs have been meeting weekly to reimagine how student athletics and activities can continue either virtually or locally. More information about these will be forthcoming.

The Risk Matrix for CEESA level decision-making will guide us as we work collaboratively in the fall and additional recommendations will be made, if needed, for winter and spring events. The Executive Committee will serve as the Crisis Team and holds regular meetings going forward to address any emerging concerns.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

CEESA Executive Committee