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Presentation to the Mental Health Advisory Board

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**Transition to
Essential Services
Distance Learning**

16 — SC Schools closed through April 10

25 — SC Schools closed through May 5

01 — SC Schools closed through
end of school year

**Focus on Grading
and Graduation**

15 — May Revise

**Focus on Budget and
Reopening of School**

15 — State Budget

15 — Taxes Collected

1 — Mid Year Cuts?

12 — Reopening of schools?

TIMELINE



Equity Challenge



BASIC NEEDS

Food, financial insecurity, housing, mixed status families



INTERNET ACCESS

Device, High Speed Internet



MENTAL HEALTH

Isolation, depression, anxiety



UNIQUE NEEDS

Language, Students with unique and special needs



PRESSURE ADAPTATION

Students, Parents, and Teachers feel overwhelmed



ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Increase in domestic violence and abuse

Financial Impact

- Costs of COVID-19
- May revise requires a 10% reduction to LCFF allocations (with COLA = 7.92% in cuts)
- Districts with tight budgets will have to make reductions that could impact the most vulnerable students
- Re-opening of Schools will require additional staffing, training, and equipment
- We need to continue advocating to protected school funding and essential services to our most vulnerable populations