



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Free K-12 Core Content from Leading Publishers to Provide Continuity of Learning in the event of School Closures Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

OREM, Utah, March 9, 2020 – BYU Independent Study, Carone Learning, Crystal Bridges, ResponsiveEd (BrightThinker), Spider Learning, StudyForge, Village Virtual, and Zia Learning are collaborating to provide free access to hundreds of online courses in K-12 core subject areas. With support from Agilix and Amazon Web Services, schools with access to cloud-based learning platforms that support IMS Global Learning Tools Interoperability (LTI), such as Blackboard®, BrightSpace, Buzz®, Canvas and Schoology®, are eligible to participate through this collaboration.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), schools should prepare for the spread of COVID-19 and examine the possibility of implementing alternative learning environments. “You should ask your children’s schools about their plans for school dismissals or school closures,” Nancy Messonnier, a director at the CDC said during a press briefing last week. “Ask about plans for teleschool.”

“Many schools have deployed learning management systems for use in their classrooms to support face-to-face instruction from talented and dedicated teachers. Finding instructional content is the difficult path forward for many LMS deployments on such short notice. This group of well-known content providers is generously extending their catalogs to help teachers and learners bridge that content gap quickly, and within their existing learning platform,” Curt Allen, CEO of Agilix said.

Chuck Cook, a member of the coalition and CEO of Responsive Education Solutions based in Dallas Texas said, “To ease the burden, and provide peace of mind to our communities, ResponsiveEd and the members of this coalition feel it is our responsibility and opportunity to help students finish out the school year with as little interruption as possible if this challenging situation becomes a reality.”

Dr. Douglas Finch, Assistant Superintendent of Provo City School District (UT), has reviewed the solution and said, “We’re grateful for the partners in the coalition providing essential services that would allow us to implement online education services in the case we need to close any schools. The fact that these partners can utilize familiar platforms is a huge advantage in implementing emergency online educational services on short notice. While worrying about all the other details associated with this potential health crisis, it’s nice to know we don’t have to be concerned about how to continue to deliver quality education to our students.”

To participate in the *Continuity of Learning* program, go to [www.agilix.com/freecontent](http://www.agilix.com/freecontent) and select the LMS solution currently deployed in your school and the content partner you would like to work with.

The selected content partner will provide its core course catalog via IMSCC packages along with the necessary key and secret which will be valid until July 1, 2020 to onboard in your learning management system. Schools can then load the course content and run through internal trials so that all they need to do in the event of a school closure is enroll the students as necessary. Any grade detail generated from within the course will automatically be written back to your LMS gradebook.

We encourage superintendents to act now and reassure their local communities that they are prepared with the best possible solution to ensure a smooth close to the school year.



Content publishers interested in joining the initiative can contact Agilix through [www.agilix.com/contact-us](http://www.agilix.com/contact-us), using *Continuity of Learning* as the subject.

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