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NDE'S LAUNCH NEBRASKA PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR UNFINISHED LEARNING, RESTARTING SCHOOLS

The Nebraska Department of Education is proud to announce the creation of Launch Nebraska, a website dedicated to providing tools, actions, opportunities, and resources to support the complex planning and preparation needed by Nebraska school systems as they work to restart schools and support students as they transition back to school buildings.

Schools and districts continue to respond to the rapid and ever-changing needs of the communities they serve. During the COVID-19 pandemic schools have emerged once again as central pillars for their communities. The monumental challenge of reopening school buildings requires an unprecedented level of planning, preparation, resources, and coordination.

Launch Nebraska is a comprehensive guide, planning toolkit, and professional learning resource that schools and districts can use to address needs that may arise during summer learning and in the reopening of schools.

The new website outlines the decisions district and school leaders will need to make before students can re-enter physical school buildings, with an emphasis on leadership and planning, safe and healthy schools, and academic success for all students, especially the most vulnerable student populations. The site also includes professional learning opportunities including a webinar series designed to provide instructional leaders with knowledge and skills related to unfinished learning, instructional equity, and remote instruction.

Launch Nebraska is available now at <https://www.launchne.com/>.

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