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Dear Attendees,

Today we made the decision to transform CoSN2020 to a virtual conference, [CoSN2020: A Breakthrough Virtual Experience](#) on May 19-21. Transitioning the conference to a virtual setting has been a complex decision. First and foremost, this was done with consideration for our registrants' safety following guidance from official health recommendations and the newly established District of Columbia health guidance. And second, it was based on the understanding of what school system leaders are currently dealing with within their own community, including preparation for e-Learning and local district policies restricting travel.

CoSN is a small nonprofit organization and does not ever take matters like this lightly. Like most associations, CoSN relies heavily on its large annual conference as a means to continue its hard work throughout the year. I know that many of you will be disappointed that the conference in its previous form has been transformed, but CoSN is very hopeful about what we can still offer in these difficult times.

As many may know personally, moving to a virtual experience is a massive undertaking. In our case, it required a lot of planning before we could announce details to all stakeholders. Thank you for your patience. At the beginning of the week, we were still at 100% hotel capacity with the vast majority of our participants still eager to attend. However, as this situation progressed, attendees provided their feedback, and with new health guidelines released Wednesday afternoon by the District of Columbia and the W.H.O, we determined that CoSN2020 as a live event was not viable. We were able to find a solution that still allowed the conference to proceed but in an innovative, new way.

Details are soon to be forthcoming. We are currently working with key speakers to schedule new sessions that will mirror the in-person experience, but now from the comfort of your own desk (or couch, no judgment). In the coming days, you will be receiving updates from the Conference Team on all of the virtual offerings, so mark your calendars for those dates and let's learn together in cyberspace.

I look forward to not only meeting you virtually but seeing you at future CoSN events!

Sincerely,

Pete Just, CETL

*Chair, CoSN Board of Directors*