

## SCHOOL REOPENING DURING A PANDEMIC

## FOUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS & ADVOCATES

HEALTH & SAFETY FIRST—The decision to reopen must be consistent with the guidance of public health authorities to keep students, educators, school staff, and families safe.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY INPUT—The decision to reopen must be made in ongoing collaboration with parents, families, and community stakeholders.

AN INTENTIONAL FOCUS ON EQUITY—Reopening plans, whether in-person, virtual, or a hybrid version of the two must specifically promote equity by ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality, well-rounded education regardless of his or her race, income, or zip code.

RESOURCES & FUNDING—States must ensure that schools have adequate resource levels and flexible funding policies that are necessary to provide equitable access to safe, supportive, and high-quality learning.

Take action to restart smart with an eye toward equity.

