Connecticut at the Moment: The Latest Information on the Coronavirus Response in CT

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Introduction

• Agenda
• Accessing resources and additional information
  • https://www.ccm-ct.org/coronavirus-resources
• How to participate and ask questions

Presented by: Joe DeLong (CCM), Sam Gold (Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments), Betsy Gara (COST)
Municipal Employer Issues: Federal Acts

• CARES Act implications for municipal employers, including the Education Stabilization Fund
  • i.e. the CARES Act grant of $13.5 billion created to support in relevant part K-12

• Emergency UI benefits per CARES Act and how that will impact municipal employers

• Coronavirus Relief Fund
  • i.e. $150 billion to cover costs from March 1 through end of 2020 that weren’t accounted for in a municipalities most recent budget, as well as the 4003(b)(4) loan program

Presented by: Matthew K. Curtin (Murtha Cullina LLP)
Municipal Employer Issues: Executive Orders

• Executive Orders relevant to Boards of Education
  • Executive Order 7B
    • Modified public meetings requirements
  • Executive Order 7C
    • Authorized Commissioner of Education flexibility related to certain statutory requirements
    • Addressed budget deadlines
  • Executive Order 7E
    • 180 Waiver
  • Executive Order 7I
    • Student Privacy
  • Executive Order 7N
    • Suspension of School Testing

Presented by: Jessa Y. Mirtle (Connecticut State Department of Education, Division of Legal and Governmental Affairs)
Municipal Employer Issues: Executive Orders (continued)

• Executive Order 7L
  • March 24, 2020
  • Extended the cancellation of public school classes through April 20, 2020, unless further extended

• Executive Order 7R
  • March 31, 2020
  • Addressed funding for Boards of Education; continuation of payment of public school staff
  • Required preservation of student transportation services and special education providers

Presented by: Jessa Y. Mirtle (Connecticut State Department of Education, Division of Legal and Governmental Affairs)
Regional School Board Budget Adoption Provisions

• Consultation with Town Legislative Bodies and Boards of Finance

Presented by: Steven G. Mednick (Law Offices of Steven G. Mednick)
Suspension of In Person Meeting Requirements for Critical Municipal Decisions

• Section 7S.7 with respect to other Executive Orders suspending “in person” meetings

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Tax Relief Programs

• General Overview
• Practical Implications and Interpretation
  • The “Eligible Taxpayer
  • Impact on Outstanding Tax Bills
  • Collections/Tax Sales/Liens

Presented by: Kari L. Olson (Murtha Cullina LLP), Richard P. Roberts (Halloran Sage)
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