Invitation for Family Members, Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments, and O&M Specialists to Participate in an Important and Timely Survey

Access and Engagement 2: Survey to Examine the Education of Students with Visual Impairments during COVID-19

In spring 2020, 455 families and 1,028 TVIs and O&M specialists shared how COVID-19 was impacting the education of students with visual impairments. Read the *Access and Engagement Report* at AFB.org/AccessEngagement.

We want to understand the successes, challenges, and concerns of family members, TVIs, and O&M specialists now during the 2020-2021 school year.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!!

Survey open October 28 to November 22, 2020
Please take approximately 30-40 minutes to complete the accessible survey at:

https://www.accessengagement.com/

Why should you complete the survey?

- If your child or student is experiencing accessibility issues, we need to let companies, school districts, and policymakers know, so solutions can be developed and implemented.
- We need to know if children with visual impairments are progressing in their education. If children are not progressing, we need to advocate for additional services and time on their IESPs and IEPs.
- We need to understand if children have the technology tools they need, Internet access, and if their family members have the skills to support students in their technology use. If they don't, we need to advocate for changes.
- We need to understand the impact of online, hybrid and in person instruction on students with visual impairments, their families, and professionals. We need to develop a plan that ensures our students have success.

PLEASE REACH OUT TO FAMILIES WHO MAY NOT BE ONLINE AND OFFER TO SUPPORT THEM IN COMPLETING THIS IMPORTANT SURVEY!





