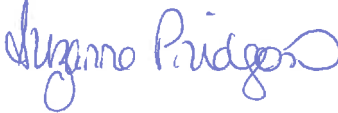




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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents for Florida Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and
Chief Financial Officers for Florida LEAs

FROM: Suzanne Pridgeon 

DATE: July 20, 2021

SUBJECT: **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act
Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER II) Fund**

The Florida Legislature appropriated ESSER II formula funds to Local Educational Agencies (LEA) in accordance with the attached allocation schedule. The appropriation is divided into four categories, as follows:

Non-Enrollment Assistance (\$112,329,220) – Each LEA must use a portion of its non-enrollment allocation to locate unaccounted for students within the school district. Any portion of the allocation not needed for this purpose may be spent on other allowable expenditures.

Academic Acceleration (\$561,646,121) – Each LEA must use a portion of its academic acceleration allocation to remediate the learning loss among kindergarten through grade 12 students, including, but not limited to, students with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, students who attended virtual classes or classes offered through an online learning environment during the 2020-2021 school year, and children and youth in foster care. Any portion of the allocation not needed for this purpose may be spent on other allowable expenditures.

Technology Assistance (\$140,411,531) – The technology assistance allocation must be used by LEAs for the costs associated with purchasing educational technology, including hardware, software and connectivity, for students that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom teacher, including low-income students and students with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment.

Lump Sum (\$1,158,329,431) – Subject to a legislative approval of a budget amendment with detailed spending plans, LEAs will use the balance of the formula grant for any allowable purpose under CRRSA.

Suzanne Pridgeon
Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations

Attached are the following documents relating to the applications for these grant funds:

- 1) Request for Applications for Non-Enrollment Assistance;
- 2) Request for Applications for Academic Acceleration;
- 3) Request for Applications for Technology Assistance;
- 4) Request for Applications for the Lump Sum Allocation, including:
 - Lump Sum Narrative Template
 - Lump Sum Budget Template
- 5) DOE 100A Project Application Form;
- 6) DOE 101 Budget Narrative Form;
- 7) Allocation table (for all categories); and
- 8) ESSER II Assurances.

Please note that, in accordance with line item 116A of the 2021 General Appropriations Act (Chapter Number 2021-36, Law of Florida), the Florida Department of Education is required to submit a Legislative Budget Amendment prior to making awards for the Lump Sum category. The budget amendment will require detailed spending plans that describe the amount that will be allocated to each school district and how each school district will be expending its funds in compliance with the provisions of ESSER II. Therefore, the Lump Sum Narrative Template and Lump Sum Budget Template will be shared with the Florida Legislature and will be subject to legislative approval prior to the issuance of the award.

The applications for these funds are due on or before **August 12, 2021**. If you have any questions concerning the applications for these funds, please email ESSER2@fldoe.org.

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Attachments

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