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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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To: Nebraska Public School Superintendents, ESU Administrators,
and Title I Listserv Members

CC: State Board of Education, Commissioner's Cabinet, and NDE Leadership

RE: Commissioner's Message: ESSER Fund Allocations and Application

Greetings,

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act includes specific funding sources for Local Education Agencies (LEAs). Specifically, section 18003 of the Act establishes the Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. The core purpose of the ESSER Fund is to provide direct money to LEAs to address the areas most impacted by the disruption and closure of schools caused by COVID-19, which includes both: continuing to provide educational services while schools are closed, such as remote learning; and developing and implementing plans for the return to normal operations.

The Nebraska Department of Education has released the LEA ESSER Fund allocations. The [LEA allocation table](#) is available now on the CARES Act website.

The Nebraska Department of education is committed to preparing a streamlined application process for LEAs to apply for the ESSER funds with a simplified approach to reduce districts' administrative burden. LEAs can expect to apply for their allocation of funding and start receiving funds within the next several weeks.

The [CARES Act website](#) provides additional ESSER Fund information including FAQs, the CARES Act Funding Nonpublic Consultation Form, and preparing for the ESSER subgrant application.

For specific questions, please contact Jen Utemark, jen.utemark@nebraska.gov.