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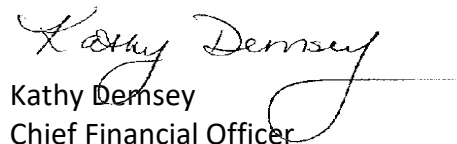
Dear Superintendents,

I am writing to let you know your revised ESSER II grant allocations are now available to you in eGMS. Two sources of ESSER funds have been used in the revised allocations – ESSER II formula funds and ESSER II State Set-aside funds. This information can be found in each district's ESSER II application on the "Sections" page under "Allocations." Please see instructions below as to where to access your application.

- For districts receiving an increase in their ESSER II formula grant allocation, they will find the additional funds have been added to their original ESSER II grant application in FY21. You will now need to amend your application to distribute those funds among the four priority areas or the other category.
- For districts receiving a decrease in their ESSER II formula grant allocation (but still receiving some formula funding), you will find your revised allocation in your original ESSER II grant application in FY21. You will amend your application based on your new allocation. In addition, there is a new section entitled ESSER II State Set-aside funds which will contain the funds being allocated to hold your district harmless from the calculation change. You must complete this section to have access to the Set-aside funds.
- For districts that are no longer eligible for ESSER II formula grant aid, when you open your original ESSER II application in FY21, it will show funds available under the ESSER II formula grant as zeroed out. You will have a new section under the application entitled ESSER II State Set-aside grant which will contain your hold harmless grant amount. Please complete this section.
- For the endowed academies, Goodwin University and EdAdvance, you will find your application under the ESSER II grant application in FY21. When you select your district, it will open your application, and show the funding source as the ESSER II State Set-aside grant. Please complete this section.

In addition, many of you have asked about creating multiple strategies for each smart goal and whether we could add more sections to address this issue. While we are not able to add more sections, we were able to expand the text boxes so you can include the additional strategies under each priority/smart goal. If you have any questions, please contact your assigned grant program manager. I have attached the list for your information.

Sincerely,


Kathy Demsey
Chief Financial Officer