



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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Dear Superintendents,

I am pleased to announce that the ESSER II application is now available to districts in eGMS under Fiscal Year 2021. The application aligns with the Needs Assessment Tool, developed by CAPSS, and our recently published [ESSER II guidance](#), which outlines the state's priorities for spending these funds in the areas of: Academic Supports, Learning Loss, Learning Acceleration and Recovery; Family and Community Connections; School Safety and Social-Emotional Well-being of the "Whole Student" and of our School Staff; and Remote Learning, Staff Development, and the Digital Divide. We encourage districts to submit plans that outline how the district is going to meet the needs of the students it serves and how this new spending, in concert with existing resources, will support educational recovery for Connecticut's students.

Shortly we will be sharing with you information about how to access state supported resources to provide technical assistance as you complete your application. Like ESSER I, you will be assigned a program contact at the Department. In most cases this will be the same person who is assisting you with ESSER I. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email me at kathy.demsey@ct.gov.

Sincerely,


Kathy Demsey
Chief Financial Officer