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Annual Reporting Update

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund

As previously communicated, all State Education Agencies (SEAs) and Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are required to report annually on activities funded by the three federal education COVID Relief Acts. The federal reporting system will be open between May 31, 2022 through July 1, 2022.

To assist LEAs in meeting this reporting requirement, the Department has developed a data collection tool that is aligned with the federal reporting template. The tool resides in the eGrants Management System (eGMS), and some of the required data has been preloaded from your LEA's ESSER I, ESSER II, and American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER applications. LEAs will enter the required data in eGMS. Upon completion and certification of the data in eGMS, the Department and our eGMS vendor, LINQ, will upload each LEA's data to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) utilizing the federal reporting template.

Two training sessions are scheduled to assist LEAs with using the data collection tool: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 from 1:00 to 2:00 and Thursday, May 19, 2022 from 1:00 to 2:00. Invites will be sent for each date to all superintendents and school business officials. You only need to attend one session. If you are unable to attend, one of the sessions will be recorded and posted on the Department's website for your review.

The eGMS data collection tool will be open for districts on Monday, May 23, 2022 and close at midnight on Sunday, June 19, 2022. The remaining time will be used to verify and, if necessary, correct districts' data submissions and ensure sufficient time to upload the data to USDE by the July 1, 2022 filing deadline.

Please know this data filing is mandatory. SEAs and/or LEAs not in compliance with this requirement face restrictions on their access to remaining federal relief funds or may be required to return funds already drawn down. Department fiscal staff and your assigned program manager will be available to provide technical assistance as you complete your report.