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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 12, 2021

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*
Finance and Operations

SUBJECT: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund
Grant Award Availability Clarification - MEMO #COVID-19-165

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is providing this clarification on the time periods allowed for federal awards relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grant award availability for ESSER II funds is March 13, 2020, the date of the federal COVID-19 emergency declaration, through September 30, 2022, plus additional time provided by the Tydings Amendment. The Tydings Amendment is a federal provision that extends federal grants from the U.S. Department of Education (USED) for 12 months beyond the fiscal year in which the USED grant was awarded. For ESSER II funds, that creates an overall grant award availability of March 13, 2020, through September 30, 2023.

Similarly, ESSER I funds, which include ESSER I formula, education equity fund, and the governor's emergency education relief (GEER) fund, have a grant award availability of March 13, 2020, through September 30, 2021, plus the Tydings Amendment. For ESSER I funds, that creates an overall grant award availability of March 13, 2020, through September 30, 2022.

MDE anticipates further guidance from USED as it relates to the Tydings Amendment and its effect upon ESSER I and ESSER II funds. Additional information will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

Please email any questions to MDECARES@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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