



COLORADO
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Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors,

Happy Friday. I hope you all get a little time to rest this weekend, I know you are working so hard right now. I'm grateful. I've been telling you we have been waiting for our official allocation and application for the CARES Act.

Yesterday, CDE received information from the U.S. Department of Education on Colorado's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund Allocations. Colorado has been allocated \$120,993,782 from the ESSER Fund. Of the total allocation to Colorado, CDE must allocate a minimum of \$108,894,404 to local education agencies (LEAs) and may reserve no more than \$12,099,378 for other identified state needs related to this pandemic. Of the state reserve, CDE may use no more than \$604,969 for administrative purposes.

We want to get your feedback on the process the department should use for LEAs to apply for their allocation of ESSER funds and how CDE ought to consider using the 10% of funds it can allocate for other state level needs. We'll send you a link to a survey next week, and I'm also planning to hold another call with you on Friday next week.

I'll send you more information next week about these opportunities to provide us with input. In the meantime, you can find basic [information about the ESSER Fund on our website](#).

I hope you all have a good weekend and take some time to do something nice for yourself. Thank you for everything!

Sincerely,

Katy Anthes, Ph.D.
Commissioner

