

Understanding COVID Stimulus Funds

What K-12 district leaders need to know about the CARES, CRRSA, and ARP Acts

WHAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE? HOW ARE THEY DISTRIBUTED?



CARES Act (March 2020)

\$31B to Education

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

CRRSA Act

(December 2020)

\$82B to Education

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental **Appropriations** (CRRSA) Act

ARP Act (March 2021)

\$168B to Education

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act

As of March 2021, there have been three federal stimulus packages supporting education.

For K-12 education, the largest and most flexible fund is the Elementary and **Secondary School Emergency** Relief (ESSER) Fund.

These funds are distributed according to the established Title 1 funding formula.

Higher Education **Emergency Relief** (HEER)

\$14B | \$22B | \$40B

Governor's Emergency **Education Relief** (GEER)

\$3B | \$4B | \$2.7B

Elementary and Secondary School **Emergency Relief** (ESSER)

\$13B | \$54B | \$126B

HOW CAN THE FUNDS BE USED?

Once distributed, districts can only use these funds for allowable purposes. Importantly, the legislation emphasizes prioritizing student growth. Qualified uses include:



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HOW STIMULUS PRIORITIES ALIGN WITH THE ILLUMINATE SOLUTION



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Research-based universal screening and progress monitoring for academics and social-emotional behavior (SEB) with intervention recommendations



ASSESSMENT CREATION AND ADMINISTRATION

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MTSS COLLABORATION AND MANAGEMENT Interactive district-level to whole-child data management

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and improve student engagement in distance education

Track student attendance



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There are significant reporting requirements for districts to confirm appropriate use of ESSER funds,

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Title I	Providing high-quality education for low-income students	х	Х	х	х
Title II, A	Improving teacher and principal quality			х	х
Title III	Supplementing English language instruction	х	х	х	х
Title IV, A	Delivering well-rounded education; Safe and Supportive Schools		Х	х	х

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See the big picture in order to track progress towards district-wide goals.

and social-emotional behavior (SEB) to deeply understand learning, identify students who are at risk, monitor growth, and take the right next step for each learner. To learn more, read the whitepaper.

Track growth at the district, school, class, and individual student levels and monitor whole child needs from a single platform. Built-in collaborative problem solving and intervention tracking tools enable systems-level improvements and efficiencies.

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