



Joint Proposal of State Superintendent of Public Instruction and
Public Education Advocates Partnering in the Montana Public Education Center

Regarding Appropriation of Funds from the
Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021;

February 16, 2021

Consensus Item	Recommended Instructions to Accompany Appropriation	Proposed Appropriation Amount	Percentage of the Entire Appropriation
ESSER II funds for local distribution	Represents 90% of total ESSER II. Must be spent consistent with Section 313(d) of ESSER II.	\$153,089,519	90.0%
ESSER II funds for modernization of all OPI databases connected to student learning, licensing and staffing	Funds shall be used by OPI to repair, improve and/or replace existing data systems as part of responding to coronavirus and helping schools with data needed to address learning loss and improve recruitment and retention and streamline licensure. Efforts shall be aligned to ensure compliance with section 20-7-104, MCA.	\$8,000,000	4.7%
Equal distribution of ESSER II funds per school districts with small or no Title I-A.	Districts receiving less than \$40,000 in ESSER II funds under 90% distribution receive equal distribution of these funds on a per quality educator basis.	\$3,400,000	2.0%
ESSER II funds for distribution to schools equal to inflation on	Distributions under 3,c, shall be distributed consistent with the special education formula and shall be used by school districts consistent with	\$2,500,000	1.5%

Groups partnering in the Montana Public Education Center consist of the Montana Association of School Business Officials; Montana Federation of Public Employees; Montana Quality Education Coalition; Montana Rural Education Association, Montana School Boards Association and School Administrators of Montana.

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special education formula.	applicable provisions of Section 313(d) of the ESSER II.		
Targeted funding, October 2021	Provide additional support distributed consistent with the special education formula after October enrollment count to address areas of the state with the most significant return of students and to provide support for affected special education cooperatives.	\$1,154,783	0.7%
ESSER II funds for supplemental support for schools with high student needs. To be distributed in October 2021.	Expenditures shall be used by OPI to expand opportunity for students at risk for disproportionate learning loss under ESSER II, and to support expansion of broadband internet for school districts throughout Montana.	\$984,666	0.6%
ESSER II funds for administration of ESSER II program.	Administration of ESSER II.	\$850,497	0.5%
Grants to MT School for the Deaf and Blind and Youth Academy and Pine Hills	Grantees to spend these funds consistent with Section 313(d) of ESSER II. Distributed on a per quality educator basis in the three schools.	\$120,000	0.1%
TOTAL ESSER II	Per USDOE Distribution Total	\$170,099,465	100.0%