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DESE COVID-19 Update

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- Webinar agenda
 - ❑ Closure information
 - ❑ Department updates (CARES Act, finance, assessment, graduation requirements, food & nutrition service, technology & internet access, childcare for critical workforce, etc.)
 - ❑ Questions & answers



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- School Closure
 - ❑ Executive Order
 - ❑ Questions surrounding:
 - Criteria for returning to school
 - End of year guidance
 - ❑ Send closure updates to DESE Area Supervisor



- Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security (CARES) Act Relief Package
 - ❑ Allocated using Title I formula
 - ❑ Flexible to respond to emerging needs
 - ❑ Following slides adapted from the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO)

Emergency Supplemental Funding

Education Stabilization Fund: \$30.75 billion

- **1% (\$307 million) for grants to states with highest coronavirus burden**
 - ED must release public notice inviting applications w/in 30 days
- **\$13.5 billion for elementary and secondary education formula grants**
 - .5% set-aside for outlying areas and .5% set-aside for BIE schools
 - Federal – state – local by Title I formula (FY19) through SEAs
 - 90% distributed to LEAs by Title I formula
 - SEAs may reserve up to 10% (~\$1.35 billion) for grants and statewide emergency needs, including up to 0.5% for admin
 - USED must issue notice inviting applications to SEAs within 30 days and approve SEA applications within 30 days

LEA Uses of K-12 Formula Funds

- ⌘ Substantial local authority and discretion (not limited to):
 - Any activities authorized under ESSA, IDEA, Perkins, Subtitle B of McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act
 - Coordinate emergency response
 - Support school leaders
 - Ensure preparedness and coordination
 - Purchase cleaning supplies
 - Purchase education technology
 - Mental health supports
 - Summer learning

Additional Requirements

- ⌘ SEAs and LEAs must “to the greatest extent practicable” continue to pay employees and contractors
- ⌘ USED may consider additional application and reporting requirements, but should not substantially increase burdens to states and districts

Additional Education and Education-Related Funding

- \$3 billion for governors education fund
 - Broad discretionary fund for higher education and/or K-12 supports to LEAs that the SEA has deemed most significantly impacted by COVID-19
- \$14.25 billion for higher education
- \$3.5 billion for the Child Care Development Block Grant
 - To provide child care assistance to health care providers, first responders, sanitation workers, and other essential workers in the response to COVID-19
- \$750 million for Head Start
- \$8.8 billion for Child Nutrition programs
- \$15.5 billion – SNAP (food assistance)
- \$100 million – SERV



- Finance
 - ❑ Calendar & Attendance Reporting
 - ❑ ADA & State Foundation Formula Calculation
 - ❑ Possible Withholdings
 - ❑ PDC Spending Requirements
 - ❑ Emergency Use of School Buses
 - ❑ Summer School



- Assessment
 - ❑ Statewide required testing cancelled
 - ❑ U.S. Dept. of Education waiver approved
 - ❑ Impact



- Assessment (cont.)
 - End-of-Course Exams
 - Algebra I
 - Social Studies Performance Level Setting
 - English Proficiency Assessment (ACCESS)
 - MAP-A



- Assessment (cont.)
 - Optional assessments
 - Industry Recognized Credentials & Technical Skills Assessments
 - Seal of Biliteracy
 - A + Program (Dept. of Higher Education)



- 2020 Graduating Seniors
 - LEAs have flexibility on how 24 credits are met
 - Statutory waivers pursued:
 - Personal Finance
 - CPR & Heimlich Maneuver
 - MO & U.S. Constitution & Citizenship



- 2020 Graduating Seniors (cont.)
 - ❑ Credit deficits
 - ❑ School Flex & Missouri Options Program
 - ❑ Limited HiSET testing availability
 - Deadline extended to Aug. 31
 - ❑ Bright Flight eligibility



- Food & Nutrition Services - new nationwide waivers (thru 6/30 or later):
 - ❑ Meal Pattern (requires application)
 - ❑ Meal Times
 - ❑ Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup
 - ❑ Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Data
 - ❑ Activity Requirement in Afterschool Care
 - ❑ Onsite Nutrition Monitoring



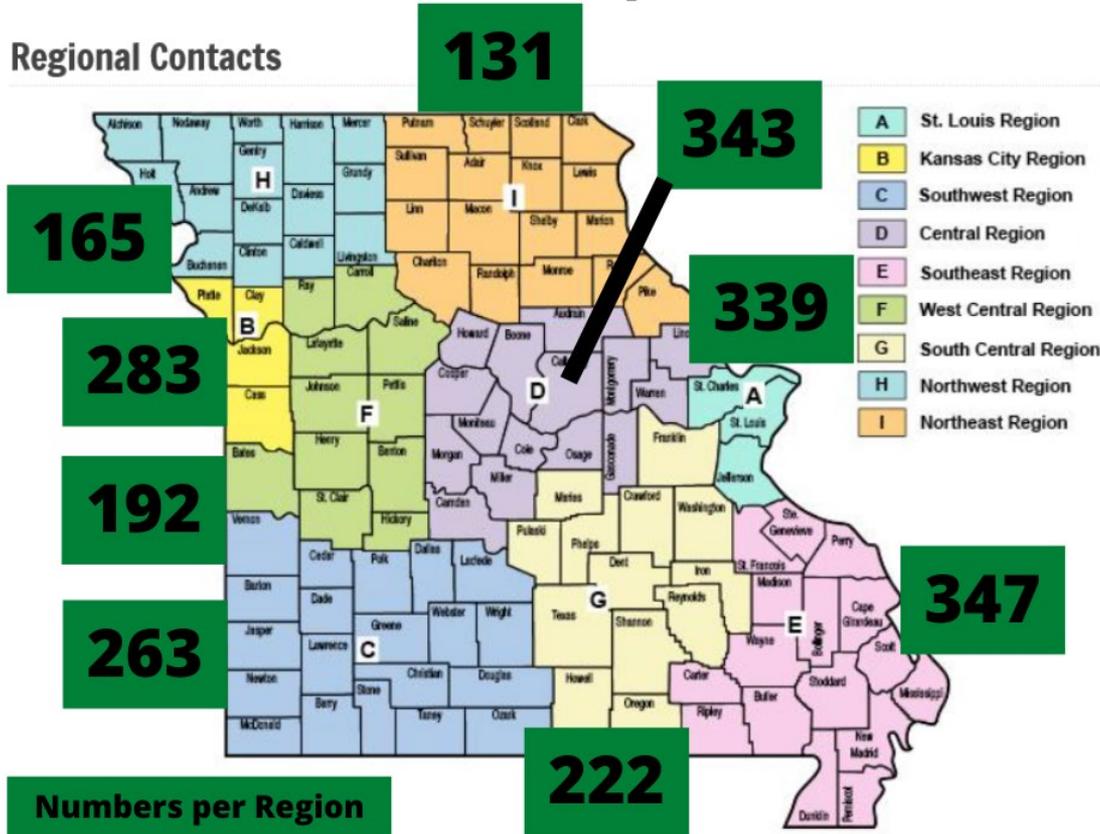
- Technology & Internet Access Survey
 - ❑ Nearly 350 responses
 - ❑ Majority of respondents feel they are sufficiently reaching students
 - ❑ Greatest needs
 - Internet access = 75%
 - ❑ Possible solutions

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