Commissioner of Education Margie Vandeven &
DESE Executive Leadership Team

DESE COVID-19 Update

April 1, 2020

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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
Margie Vandeven, Commissioner of Education
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)

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

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• Assessment
  ◆ Statewide required testing cancelled
  ◆ U.S. Dept. of Education waiver approved
  ◆ Impact

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Assessment (cont.)

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

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

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• 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

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

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• 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
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• 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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