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CCIP Note # 445

Re: CARES Act Interim Rule Update; Office of Federal Programs Monthly Webinars - Monthly Topics and New Coordinators Academies
Date: September 11, 2020
To: Public School District and Community Schools Superintendents, Treasurers, and Consolidated Application Contacts; Nonpublic Principals and Superintendents

CARES Act Update: The U.S. Department of Education's Interim Final Rule is No Longer In Effect

On September 9, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education (USED) made it known that the Interim Final Rule that they published on July 1, 2020 is no longer in effect. The USED decision was reached after various legal challenges and court rulings. The impact of this change and the updates to the Ohio Department of Education (Department) guidance is being reviewed. The Department will provide guidance as it is developed. In the meantime, the Department's Office of Federal Programs (OFP) recommends the following:

- **Starting immediately**, Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) receiving CARES Act funds, including ESSER and GEER funds, should provide equitable services consistent with ESEA 1117. In general, this means that the LEA set aside for nonpublic equitable services should be calculated using low-income data for students who reside in the LEA who are attending nonpublic schools within or outside of the LEA. As such, LEAs are not required to calculate equitable service amounts for nonpublic schools based on the enrollment data of nonpublic schools.
    - From the onset of the CARES Act, the OFP provided LEAs with an Excel spreadsheet of baseline data to review and verify in calculating the nonpublic equitable services reservation for each eligible nonpublic school building. This spreadsheet included both low income data and enrollment data.
    - At that time, the Department recommended LEAs set aside the nonpublic equitable service amount that was the higher of the two approaches and spend no more than the lower amount of the reservation in nonpublic schools located within the district bounds. This recommendation was made to ensure LEAs and nonpublic schools would not incur obligations that would require reimbursement should the USED determination be reversed.
- LEAs should consult with their nonpublic schools on how the equitable service amounts will be calculated under Section 1117 and how the funds will be budgeted and spent for the remaining period of availability until September 30, 2022. This consultation should be documented.
- The LEAs should make any necessary budget revisions and updates to the ESSER funding application.

Special Note: The Department recognizes that there may be rare circumstances where an LEA has already spent more of the ESSER Fund allocation than the equitable service amount calculated under the Title I (low income) approach. For instance, this is possible if the LEA spent all its funds during the period of time the Interim Final Rule was in effect and where the LEA was not required to provide equitable services under one of the options. In those rare circumstances, the Department does not anticipate there will be any request for reimbursement from the LEA if the LEA obligated funds in accordance with the Department guidance and specific to the time period that the Interim Final Rule was in effect. LEAs must ensure they are calculating equitable services according to ESEA 1117 moving forward.

If you have any questions, please contact Chantelle Carter at chantelle.carter@education.ohio.gov.

Office of Federal Programs Monthly Webinars - Monthly Topics and New Coordinators Academies

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The Ohio Department of Education's Office of Federal Programs is pleased to announce we will be holding monthly training sessions starting this September. Two types of trainings will be provided – Federal Programs Monthly Topic Sessions with each meeting covering a different topic, and New Coordinators Academy sessions covering topics relevant to new coordinators with two (2) years of experience or less.

Federal Programs Monthly Topics Sessions (4th Tuesday)
Each month, the Office of Federal Programs will hold a session on a specific topic. The sessions are to provide training and updated information on each relevant topic.

These sessions will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Individual sessions will be rescheduled as needed and in observance of holidays.

The following is a list of the topics currently planned (topics may be updated on an as-needed basis):

September 22nd, 2020 – CARES Act Funding Sources
October 20th, 2020 – Parent and Family Engagement
November 17th, 2020 – Compliance
December 15th, 2020 – One Needs Assessment

In the September CARES Act Funding Sources session, presenters will review the numerous funding streams available through the CARES Act. Presenters will touch on each fund, its intent and purpose, which office is managing the fund, contact information, and timelines.

New Coordinators Academy Training (3rd Thursday)
The New Coordinators Academy is an introductory series that will go through monthly topics relevant to the work of a new coordinator. New coordinators will learn about activities they should attend to each month, how to create a system for compliance to federal programs throughout the school year, key information on each fund, and navigating the systems for federal programs such as CCIP, Compliance, NPDS, etc.

These sessions will be held on the third Thursday of each month from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Individual sessions will be rescheduled as needed and in observance of holidays.

The following is a list of the topics currently planned (topics may be updated on an as-needed basis)::

September 17, 2020 – Introduction
October 15, 2020 – Intent and Purpose of Federal Funds
November 19, 2020 – Compliance
December 17, 2020 – **"**Can We Do This": Food, Travel and Prizes

The introduction to this series on September 17th, 2020 will focus on navigating the CCIP and the Consolidated Funding Application.

Session Format
The sessions above will generally include a presentation on the session subject followed by an opportunity for questions and answers. Registrants will have an opportunity to submit questions prior to the training.

These sessions will be held remotely as Teams meetings. Attendees will be able to join using the Teams meeting link shared in the STARS event. At the time of your selected session, please use the Teams meeting link to join the meeting by copying and pasting the link from the event details into a browser at the time of the training.

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Registration
Please register in STARS V2.0, which can be accessed through your OH|ID Account. To find the session information, we recommend searching any of the following fields:

Event Names: Federal Programs CCIP Trainings
Keywords for OFP Monthly Topic Sessions: Federal Programs, CCIP, Consolidated Applications
Keywords for New Coordinators Academy Sessions: Federal Programs, CCIP, New Coordinators Academy, Consolidated Funding Application

The registration information provides a link to a survey for submitting questions prior to the session. It is optional for attendees to submit questions prior to the training.

Please note: The October, November and December session registrations will be available when details are confirmed. Please check back in STARS in the coming weeks.

Schedule Summary
The following schedule, topics and presenters are subject to change. Updated information will be shared through communication methods including CCIP notes and EdConnection Articles.

OFP Monthly - Session Name	Date and Time
September **OFP Monthly** Topic Session – CARES Act Funding Sources	Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
October **OFP Monthly** Topic Session – Parent and Family Engagement	Tuesday, October 20, 2020 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
November **OFP Monthly** Topic Session - Compliance	Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
December **OFP Monthly** Topic Session – One Needs Assessment	Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

New Coordinators Academy - Session Name	Date and Time
New Coordinators Academy – Introduction	Thursday, September 17, 2020 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
New Coordinators Academy – Intent and Purpose of Federal Funds	Thursday, October 15, 2020 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
New Coordinators Academy – Compliance	Thursday, November 19, 2020 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
New Coordinators Academy – "Can We Do This": Food, Travel and Prizes	Thursday, December 17, 2020 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

If you have any questions, please contact your Office of Federal Programs Consultant or email federalprograms@education.ohio.gov.