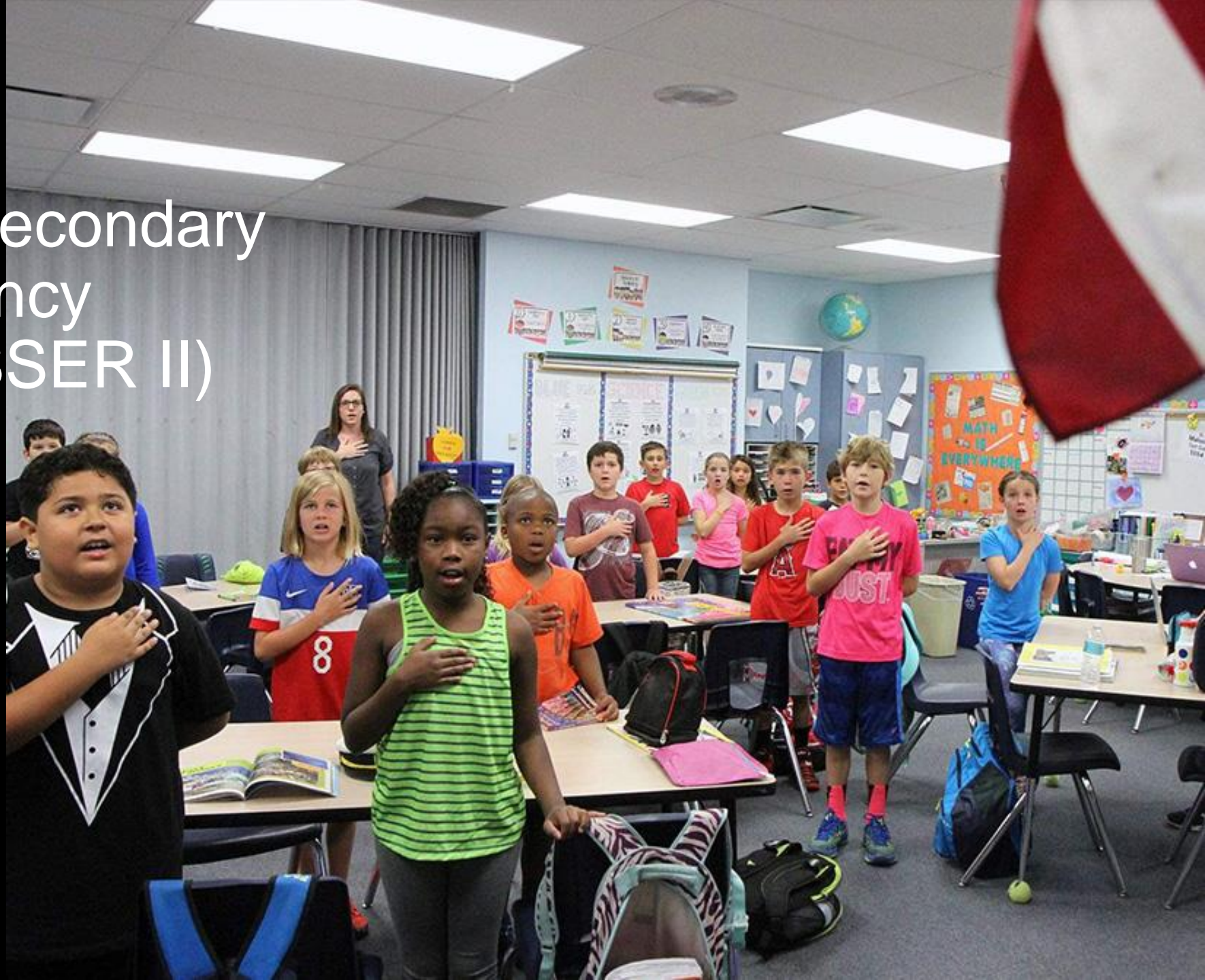


Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II)



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Authorizing Legislation

- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA)
 - <https://rules.house.gov/sites/democrats.rules.house.gov/files/BILLS-116HR133SA-RCP-116-68.pdf>
- Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II) is at section 313 of the CRRSA
 - 90% must be provided to LEAs in a formula grant, based on relative share of 2020-21 Title I, Part A

Purpose

As stated by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, the ESSER II funds are, “intended to help States and school districts safely reopen schools, measure and effectively address significant learning loss, and take other actions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the students and families who depend on our K-12 schools.”

Allowable Uses of Funds

- CRRSA section 313(d) outlines 15 allowable uses of ESSER II funds.
- The full list is in the Request for Applications and the ESSER II Assurances.
- The uses of funds are broad, and include, for example, “other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff of the local educational agency.”

Period of Availability

- Each LEA's "project period" will begin with the date the signed ESSER II Assurances are received by the FLDOE.
- Funds will be available for obligation by the LEA through September 30, 2023.
- Pre-Award costs are authorized back to March 13, 2020, when the national emergency was declared.

LEAs NOT Responsible for Equitable Services

- CRRSA contains separate provisions for services to non-public schools, which will be administered through the Florida Department of Education.
- Therefore, LEAs are not required to provide equitable services to non-public schools using ESSER II funds.

Charter School Allocations

- LEAs must provide allocations to charter schools.
- Allocations are based on the charter school's pro-rata share of the district's total unweighted FTE (including the charter school's total unweighted FTE) reported in the 2020-21 survey 3.

Application Process: Simplified Application

The following documents must be submitted by April 12, 2021:

- Project Application (DOE Form 100A)
- ESSER II Assurances

These are submitted to the Office of Grants Management in the ESSER II ShareFile.

Simplified Application, continued

ESSER II ShareFile:

- LEA Contacts from the CARES/ESSER Formula Grant ShareFile have current access for the ESSER II ShareFile.
- To add or remove individuals, send request to OGM@fldoe.org.

Simplified Application, continued

Note:

- No Budget is required with the application.
- No Program narrative is required with the application.
- Awards will be released when the DOE 100A and ESSER II Assurances are received.
- Interim Financial Reporting may be required.

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