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**Commonwealth of Virginia  
Virginia Department of Education  
Superintendent's Memo #022-22**

DATE: January 28, 2022  
TO: Division Superintendents  
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
SUBJECT: **ARP Act ESSER III School Division Awards for Addressing Unfinished Learning, Before and After School Programs, and Summer Programs**

[Superintendent's Memo #291-21](#) announced three grant opportunities for school divisions—Addressing Unfinished Learning, Before and After School Programs, and Summer Programs—to be funded using American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III state set-aside funds. The school division awards are provided in **Attachment B**. **Attachment A** contains the Additional Required Special Terms and Conditions for Grant Awards or Cooperative Agreements and the terms of the grant award are provided in **Attachment C**.

School division requests for funding significantly exceeded the available funds for all three program components. In order to provide funding to all eligible school divisions that applied, a two step process was implemented to determine grant awards for each program. In step one, school divisions were assigned the lesser of their requested award or a per pupil award based upon participating school divisions' fall 2021 enrollment. In step two, remaining funds were distributed on a per pupil basis to school divisions in the highest quartile of poverty.

For all applications that are not fully approved, school divisions should submit revised or amended applications reflecting the final award amounts and requested programmatic

changes through the OMEGA system. Budget transfers and reimbursement requests will be processed through OMEGA.

Under [Section 2001\(e\)\(1\) of the ARP Act](#), school divisions must use **at least twenty percent** of their ARP Act ESSER III formula funds to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive after school programs, or extended school year programs. School divisions are encouraged to prioritize addressing unfinished learning, before and after school programs, and summer programs in their ESSER III formula funds applications, and may amend their formula funds applications to include allowable activities not funded through the set-aside grants.

### For more information

Questions about division awards should be directed to Lynn Sodat, Director of the Office of Federal Pandemic Relief Programs, at [Lynn.Sodat@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Lynn.Sodat@doe.virginia.gov). For assistance with OMEGA, contact OMEGA Support at [OMEGA.Support@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:OMEGA.Support@doe.virginia.gov).

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- A. Attachment: [Additional Required Special Terms and Conditions for Grant Awards or Cooperative Agreements](#) (DOCX)
- B. Attachment: [ESSER III Addressing Unfinished Learning, Before and After School Programs, and Summer Programs Division Allocations](#) (XLSX)
- C. Attachment: [ESSER III Addressing Unfinished Learning, Before and After School Programs, and Summer Programs Terms of Grant Award](#) (DOCX)