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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #316-21**

DATE: November 19, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **ARP Act ESSER III State Set-Aside Application - Addressing Unfinished Learning, Before and After School Programs, and Summer Programs Grants - Deadline Extension to December 1, 2021**

This memo announces the extension of the application deadline of the ARP Act ESSER III State Set-Aside Application from November 23, 2021 to December 1, 2021. From the ESSER III funds reserved for state level programs and activities, the VDOE will award up to \$107 million to school divisions through three competitive grants for:

- Addressing Unfinished Learning,
- Before and After School Programs, and
- Summer Programs.

These grants were originally announced through an October 15, 2021 [Superintendent's Memo](#) and through an October 19, 2021 [press release](#) which stated:

"The grants focus on supporting a wide variety of programs that address student needs primarily in literacy and mathematics, with targeted support for learners most impacted by pandemic disruptions, including students with disabilities, English learners, students who are economically disadvantaged, early learners, and those who are underperforming. Each grant has a unique area of focus as follows:

- *Up to \$65 million for division-level initiatives to address unfinished learning among all students. Allowable expenditures include, but are not limited to, programs to meet the instruction needs of quarantined students, programs to reduce student-teacher ratios, and the hiring of tutors and paraprofessionals. Allowable expenditures also include support for in-person and virtual programs to address the behavioral and mental health needs of students.*
- *Up to \$21 million to support before- and after-school programs – including weekend and virtual programs – for all students. Allowable expenditures include, but are not limited to, recruitment and hiring of tutors and other staff, technology and transportation for participating students. Allowable expenditures also include support for in-person and virtual programs to address the behavioral and mental health needs of students.*
- *Up to \$21 million to support summer programs that are at least four days per week, four hours per day, and at least eight weeks in duration. Allowable expenditures include, but are not limited to, recruitment and hiring of tutors and other staff, technology and transportation for participating students. Allowable expenditures also include support for in-person and virtual programs to address the behavioral and mental health needs of students.”*

A Local Education Agency (LEA) may choose to apply for any or all of these grant opportunities. The period of performance for the award is March 13, 2020 through September 30, 2024.

The revised application due date is **December 1, 2021**. The consolidated application and Guidelines, Instructions, and Assurances were made available to school division federal pandemic relief programs coordinators via a SharePoint site. The application must be submitted through the web-based Online Management of Education Grant Awards (OMEGA) system.

LEA are encouraged to partner with a wide variety of public and private service providers, community organizations, and other stakeholders to address their students' ongoing academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs.

For more information

Questions about the application process should be directed to
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