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LEVERAGING GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO IMPROVE SECURITY IN EDUCATION

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CARES ACT

Congressman Guy Reschenthaler, PA

- Cares Act is part of the overall stimulus package provided by Congress to assist all facets of Americans to combat the shortfalls due to the COVID 19 outbreak
- Congress gave specific relief for education, (K-12, Private, Parochial, Charter, and Higher Educational institutions)
- The Act was written to provide individual institutions the flexibility to determine how the funds can positively impact the re-opening, and being able to stay open during the pandemic, and beyond.

CARES ACT AND K-12

GEER (Governors Education Emergency Relief)

ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief)

- Cares Act K-12 is divided into two parts GEER (Governors Education Emergency Relief) and ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief)
- GEER funding is focused on distance learning, training, personnel, and other Administrative Costs associated with addressing needs from COVID 19. This funding was distributed through the STATE departments of Education.
- ESSER funding is for products and procedures for getting schools open, and keeping schools open and safe, in a COVID 19 pandemic.
- Both funding mechanisms are available to Public, Private, Parochial, and Charter Schools based upon Title 1 enrollment figures.

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CARES ACT AND K-12

GEER (Governors Education Emergency Relief)

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- Each State has developed deadlines for claiming of funding. Each state is different and the first wave of funding is being delivered in August, Sept, and Oct. October 31, 2020 is the secondary deadline for funding claims, being delivered in Nov, Dec, and Jan 2021.
- Most states are not being forthcoming with notification of this funding as any unspent monies go back to the individual state treasuries.
- Private, Parochial, and Charter schools must make claims through their LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY (LEA)
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CARES ACT AND HIGHER ED

Section 18004 of Cares Act

- Higher Education is divided into two separate funding segments. The first is the overall allocation assigned by the US Department of Education. Exactly one half of the overall allocation is designed for student assistance, distance or remote instruction, and administrative costs (training, personnel, etc)
- The second half of the overall allocation is designed for appliances, applications, and processes for ensuring safety and security that is applicable, not only for COVID 19, but for any and all emergent, or pandemic situation that should arise

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CARES ACT AND HIGHER ED

Applicable uses of funding under Section 18004

- Access control systems
- Emergency Signaling systems (fire, shooter detection, Mass notification)
- Video Management
- Water purification
- Air purification
- Sanitary supplies and disinfectants
- Thermal imaging
- Temperature detection systems
- Video surveillance
- Interoperability Communications
- Intrusion detection systems
- Visitor management systems

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CARES ACT

Things to keep in mind.

- Every institution is different. Harvard is operated and has different needs than Southern Mississippi. The Act provides local control for individual institutions to determine the best way to open, and stay open, in a safe and secure fashion.
- The monies are available as a FEDERAL Grant for emergency purposes. The regular processes for purchasing, unless specifically designated, do not apply. Each institution has the flexibility and the authority to determine what is best in their own situations.
- It is vital to access the FULL allocation and work the overall plan for the institution into the funding. This funding (Both Cares and Heals) is something that has not been seen before and will, in all likelihood, never be seen again.

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HEALS ACT

Overview

- The second stimulus package designed to further support education institutions as they combat the waves of situations identified not only as a COVID 19 related event, but for setting up institutions for long term safety and security in an emergent situation, be it pandemic, civil, or nature related.
- The package is being negotiated through Congress, however, no matter which version is adopted, both versions (House and Senate) earmark 150B for education, both K-12, and Higher Education.

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K-12 CARES ACT IMPLEMENTATION

North Allegheny School District, Pittsburgh, PA.

- The District invested GEER monies into distance and remote learning by bolstering the data network, purchases of remote learning stations and cameras, and invested into additional personnel and training to accomplish remote learning and hybrid learning models.
- The district has made significant investments in monies from the ESSER funds to significantly enhance video surveillance, temperature detection devices, water purification, air purification, clean room disinfectants, and the development of a long term strategic plan for life safety and security with STANLEY to include emergency signaling, interoperability communications (with the Commonwealth of PA), and addressing Alyssa's Law.

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K-12 CARES ACT IMPLEMENTATION

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- Points of Discussion with NORTH ALLEGHENY.
 - Disposition
 - Allocation
 - Process
 - Procedure
 - Points of importance missed

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