

**Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Denton Independent School District  
Regarding the Allocation of ESSER Funds  
April 27, 2021**

**SUMMARY:**

This item requests approval of a Resolution respectfully asking and recommending that Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Legislature, and the Texas Education Agency ensure that all supplemental funds allocated from the Federal Government, for the purpose of addressing the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on schools, be directed to local education agencies without additional restrictions beyond what the Federal Government has stipulated.

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

None

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Congress set aside approximately \$19 billion to Texas public schools, allocated through the Education Stabilization Fund through the CARES Act for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund). These grants will be awarded to State educational agencies for the purpose of providing local educational agencies with emergency relief funds to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools. Local education agencies in other states have already received their allocations and planning amounts. However, Texas has not allocated these funds to local education agencies to allow for planning and budgeting to address unfinished learning.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The amount of Federal funding received will depend on how the State allocates the ESSER funds.

**BENEFIT OF ACTION:**

Passage will let our State officials know our expectations that these funds will be allocated to supplement the needs of our District as we support the unfinished learning and social and emotional needs of the students we serve.

**PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:**

None at this time.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

No alternative actions are proposed.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**

*Superintendent recommends approval of the resolution as presented.*

**STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

Deron Robinson, General Counsel

**ATTACHMENT:**

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**APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_