CARES ACT:
Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Grant (ESSER)

Funding Support for COVID-19

Purpose

Emergency relief funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus threat.

Equitable services to students and teachers in non-public schools as required under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

$350,114

Geneva CUSD 304 has been allocated $350,114 in ESSER Funding. These funds will be released through a reimbursement process very similar to how Title Grants are processed.

ISBE has released an ESSER Grant Application within their IWAS system. Districts have until June to complete their applications in Illinois.

Window for use: March 13, 2020 – September 30, 2021

Allowable Use of Funds

1.Activities authorized in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (Perkins), and McKinney-Vento Act.

2.To address needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English Learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth. Funds can also be used for outreach and service delivery.

Allowable Use of Funds

3.Providing:

•Meals to eligible students.

•Technology for online learning between all students and classroom teachers (including hardware, software, and connectivity).

•Guidance for meeting the requirements under the IDEA and other educational services (e.g., educators providing services through digital or online platforms, counseling services, and guidance services consistent with federal, state, and local requirements).

•Mental health services and supports.

•Summer learning and supplemental after-school programs, including classroom instruction or online learning.

Allowable Use of Funds

4. Addressing needs of individual schools resulting from the coronavirus and resultant school closures.

5. Efforts between districts and other partners to develop, prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

6. Professional development to minimize the spread of infectious diseases (e.g., sanitation training).

7. Cleaning and sanitizing school and district buildings.

8. Other activities necessary to maintain the operation and continuity of services.

Questions?