



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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TO: BOCES District Superintendents  
School District Superintendents  
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Charter School Leaders  
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Coronavirus Response  
2021 (CRRSA Act) Funding

Background

On December 27, 2020, the President signed into law the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA Act). The CRRSA Act provides \$81.88 billion nationwide in a second Education Stabilization Fund to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus, of which:

- \$54.3 billion is for a second Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to support the ability of local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are LEAs, with emergency relief funds to address the impact that Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the nation; and
- \$4.05 billion is for a second Governor's Emergency Education Relief (- Public Schools grants.

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The [U.S. Department of Education \(USDE\) has developed a fact sheet comparing the ESSER 1 program under the CARES Act with the ESSER 2 program under the CRRSA Act.](#)

Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER 2) Fund

New York State has been allocated \$322.9 million under the second Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund. Of the \$322.9 million, \$250.1 million is for a new Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) grant program and the remaining \$72.8 million is for the Governor to determine programming. The CRRSA Act requires the Governor to submit an application to USDE for the EANS funds and for NYSED to administer this program.

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