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COVID-19 Update

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Agenda



**Where We Are
Today**



**Distance-
Delivered
Learning
Opportunities**



**Education
Funding**



Q&A





Where We Are Today: Day 38

Statewide non-student contact days established from March 16 - 27

School closure extended to the end of the 2019-2020 school year

March 20, 2020

March 16, 2020

April 9, 2020

Schools are closed to students through May 1





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Resources for Leaders



- School Districts
- ...and many more!





Optional Instructional Courses



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- One optional resource in response to the pandemic
- Partnership with Florida Department of Education
- No-cost, voluntary option for families and schools
- Online instruction training for 54 Alaska educators
- Transition plan for online instruction to be delivered by Alaska educators





Frequently Asked Questions



Contract



**Florida Virtual
School**



Funding



Timeline



Communications



**Instruction &
Implementation**



Questions?



Emergency Supplemental Federal Funding for Education



- CARES Act allocates \$30.75 billion to an Education Stabilization Fund to be divided among:
 - Governors (\$3 billion or 9.8%)
 - Higher education (\$14.25 billion or 46.3%)
 - **State education agencies for elementary and secondary education (\$13.5 billion or 43.9%)**

Coronavirus
Aid,
Relief, and
Economic
Security
Act





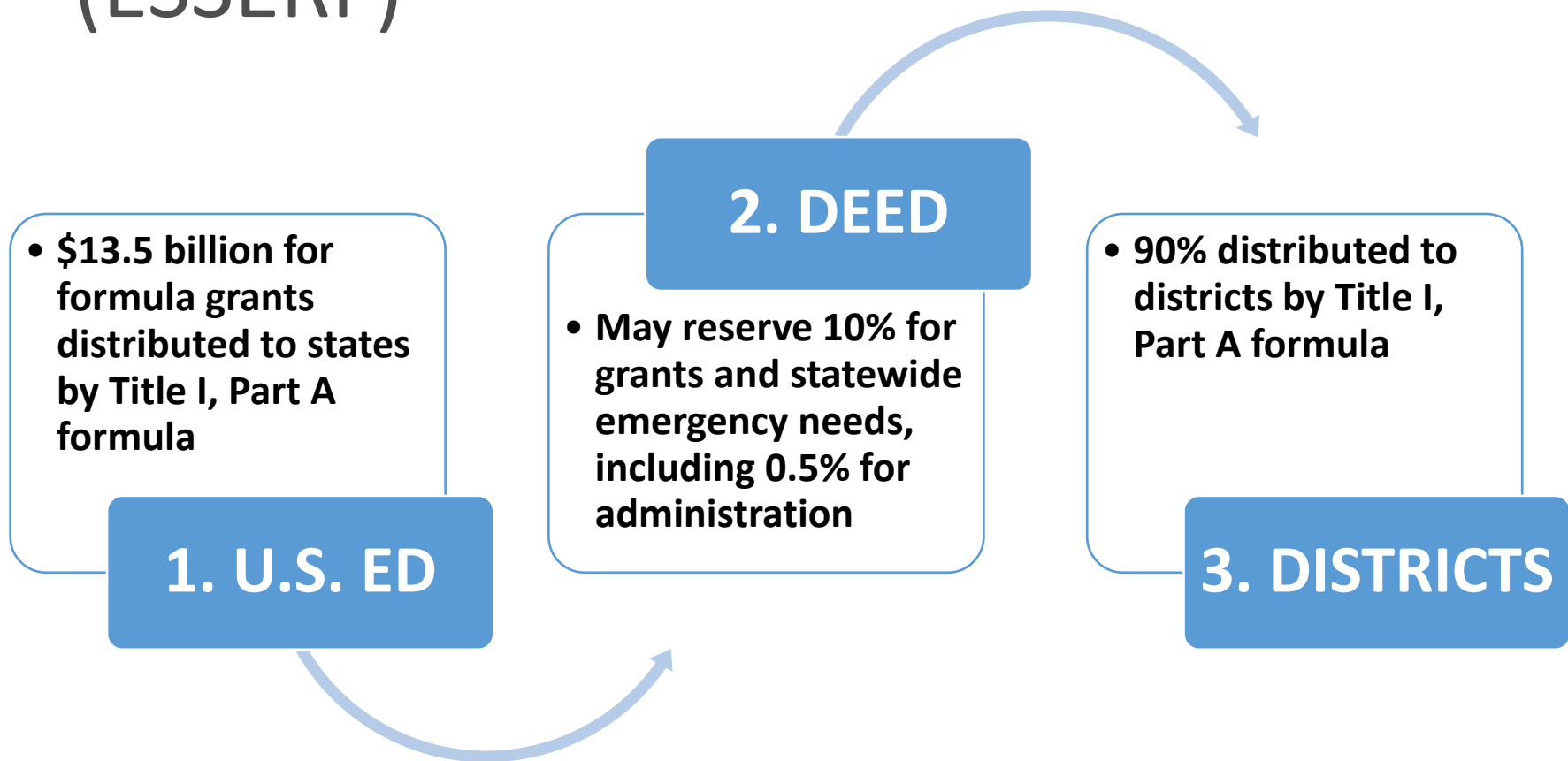
Other Education-Related Funding

- \$3.5 billion for the Child Care Development Block Grant - *Alaska DHSS*
- \$750 million for Head Start - *Alaska providers*
- \$8.8 billion for Child Nutrition programs - *Alaska DEED*
- \$15.5 billion – SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) – *Alaska DHSS*
- \$100 million – Project SERV (School Emergency Response to Violence) – *local education agencies*





Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF)





ESSERF for Alaska

- \$38.4 million estimated allocation for Alaska
- 90% distributed to districts by Title I, Part A formula
- Anticipated to become available on April 24, 2020
- Available for obligation through September 30, 2021



ESSERF: State Level Spending Options

- A State may spend 0.5% of the funds reserved for state level activities for administration
- A State may spend the rest on emergency needs as determined by the state education agency to address issues responding to coronavirus.
 - States can spend the funds directly or through grants and contracts.



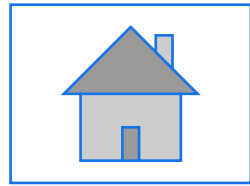
ESSERF: Local Level Spending Options

- Substantial local authority and discretion:
 - Any activities authorized under ESSA, IDEA, Perkins, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act
 - Coordinate emergency response
 - Support school leaders
 - Ensure preparedness and coordination
 - Purchase cleaning supplies
 - Purchase education technology
 - Mental health supports
 - Summer learning
 - Etc.



Questions?





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- COVID-19:

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