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# COVID-19 Update

**Alaska Department of Education and Early Development**  
**Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner**  
**Lacey Sanders, Administrative Services Director**

April 22, 2020

# Agenda



**Where We Are  
Today**



**Distance-  
Delivered  
Learning  
Opportunities**



**Education  
Funding**

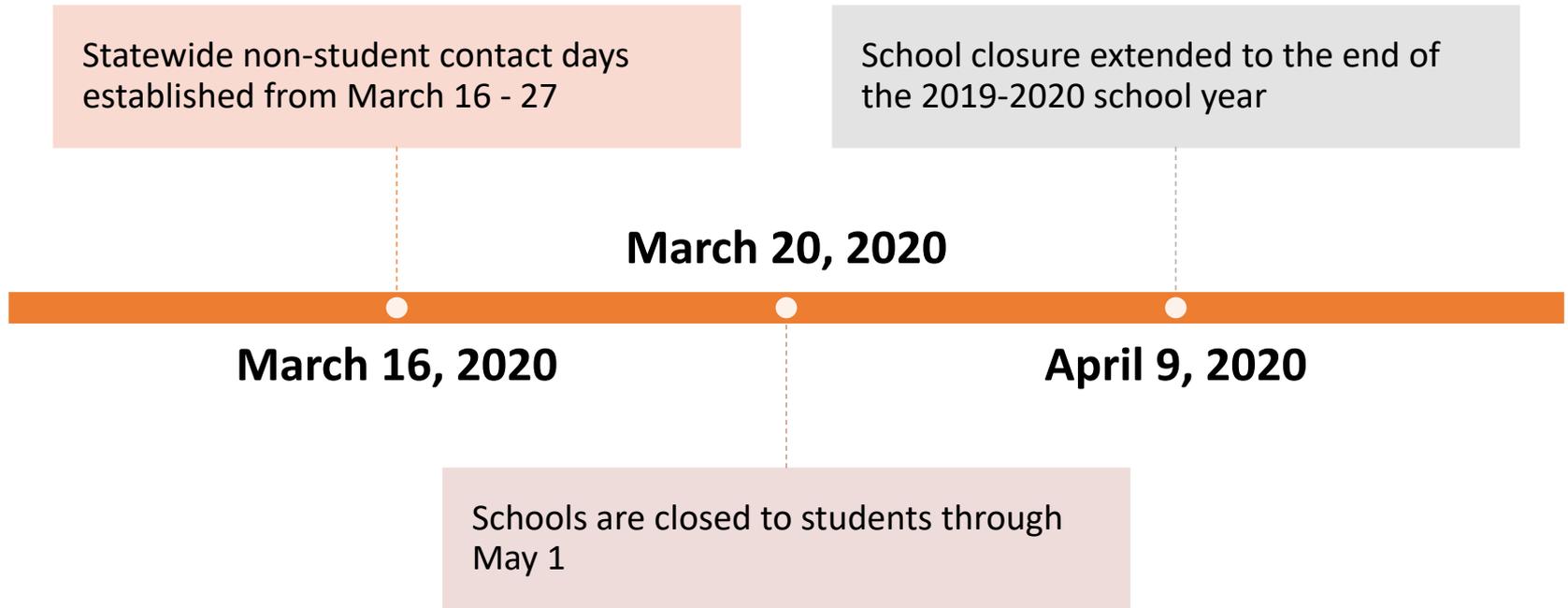


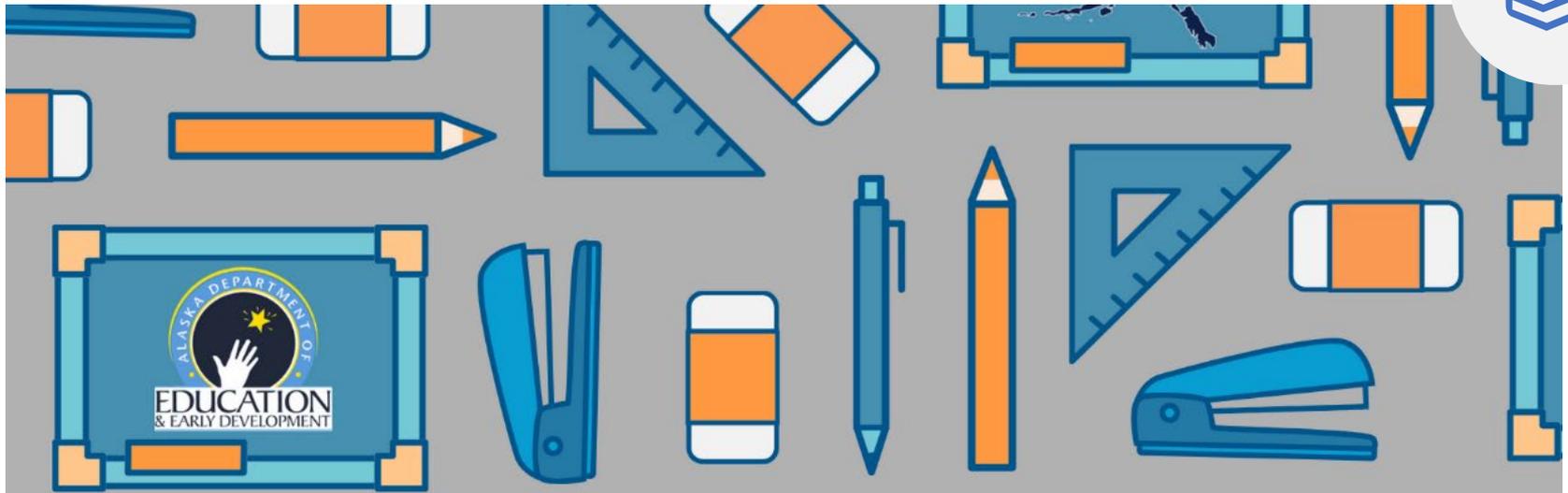
**Q&A**





# Where We Are Today: Day 38





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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



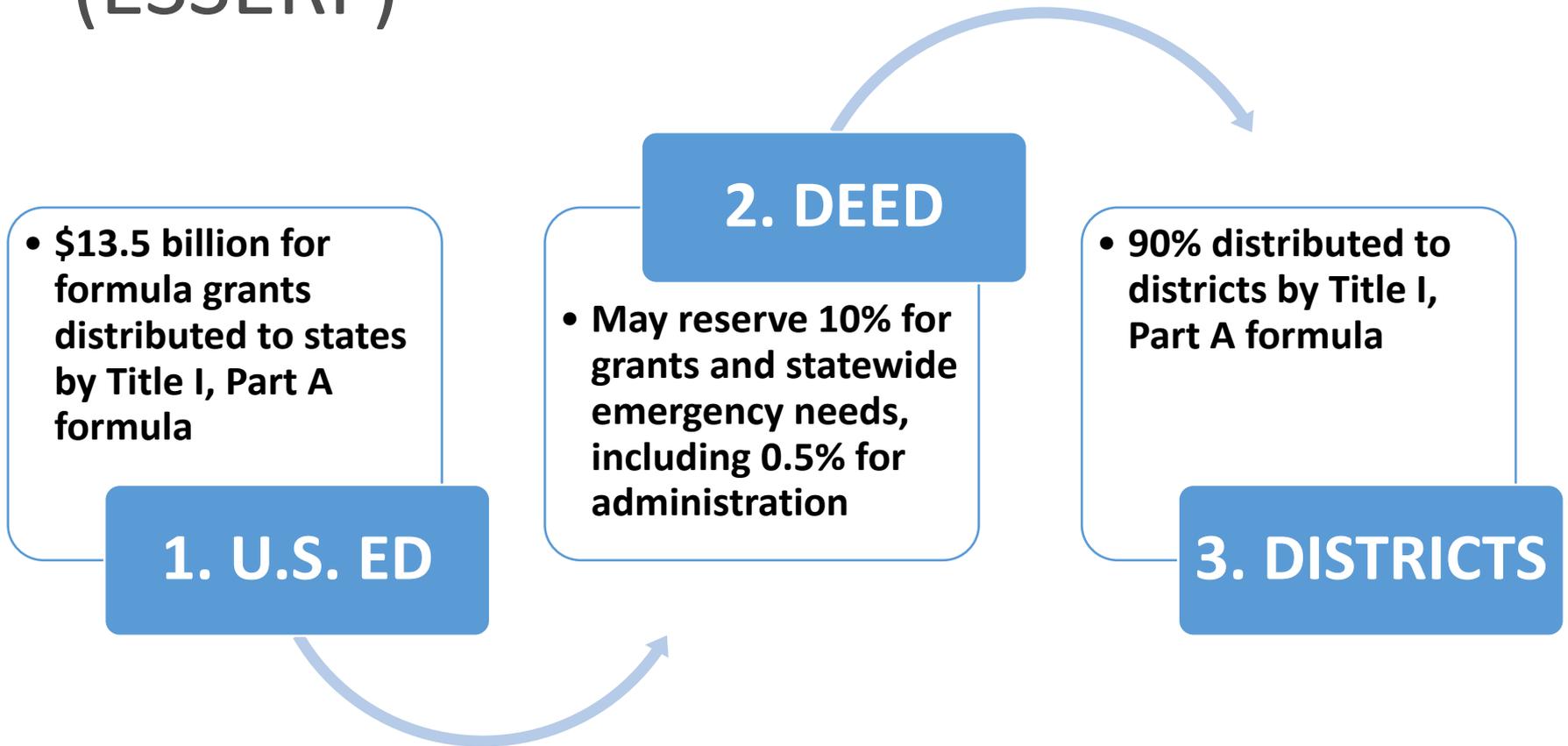


# Other Education-Related Funding

- \$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

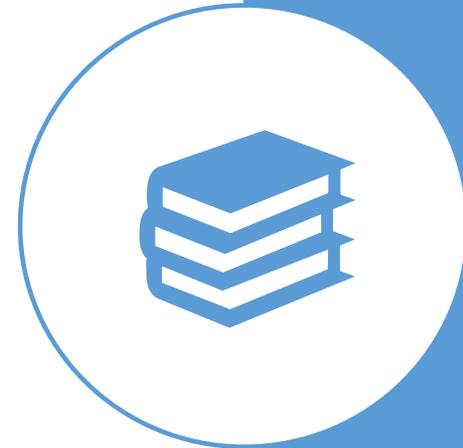
- \$38.4 million estimated allocation for Alaska
- 90% distributed to districts by Title I, Part A formula
- Anticipated to become available on April 24, 2020
- Available for obligation through September 30, 2021





# 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

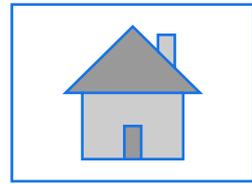


- Substantial local authority and discretion:
  - Any activities authorized under ESSA, IDEA, Perkins, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act
  - Coordinate emergency response
  - Support school leaders
  - Ensure preparedness and coordination
  - Purchase cleaning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



# Questions?





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