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*Follow-up on Committee Member Comments*

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- 1. Provide a detailed break-out of federal coronavirus relief funding received under the CARES Act, CRRSA Act and FFCR Act on slides 6 and 8 of the presentation.**

Enclosed is an updated slide deck.

- 2. Provide a list of how the CARES and CRRSA Act funding is being spent by school district.**

Enclosed are details by school district for expenditures of CARES Act funding made in FY2020 and FY2021. The application for CRRSA Act funding went live in March 2021 and no funding has been expended yet.

- 3. Provide the information on the estimates of the new possible relief funds. What are the parameters? How much is Alaska receiving? Guidelines? etc.**

The American Rescue Plan Act was signed into Law on March 11, 2021. The State of Alaska's allocation of the Elementary and Secondary School (ESSER) III Fund will provide \$358.7 million.

- Local Education Agencies (LEAs), or school districts, will be allocated 90% or \$322.8 million and it will be awarded to school districts based on Title 1, Part A. The LEAs must use at least 20% of the funds to address learning loss.
- The State Education Agency, or State Department of Education and Early Development, will receive 10% of the funds. The SEA must reserve the following:
  - At least 5% for activities to address learning loss
  - At least 1% for summer enrichment activities
  - At least 1% for afterschool programs
- The SEA may reserve the following funds from its allocation:
  - At most 0.5% for administration
  - At most 2.5% for other state activities

Funds are available until September 30, 2023. DEED is anticipating additional clarification and guidance will be provided by the U.S. Department of Education soon.

- 4. Provide program descriptions on federal grants in the SSA budget component.**

Attached are details of the U.S. Department of Education, Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), federal title programs that pass through the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED).

Additional information is available on DEED's website <https://education.alaska.gov/esea>.

**5. Provide clarification on slides 14 and 15 related to the travel reduction of \$10.0.**

The \$10.0 UGF travel reduction is due to the increased availability of virtual meetings and conferences (reflected on slide 14), bringing the travel budget to \$0.4 in FY2022 (reflected on slide 15). Enclosed is an updated slide deck.

**6. Please provide an updated slide 20 of the presentation.**

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**7. Provide a look back of the funding for early learning coordination.**

Enclosed is a summary of historical funding for Early Learning Coordination.