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Commissioner’s Task Force on ESSER (II, and III) and EANS (I, and II)
Distribution of Money - Friday, September 10th, 2021

Call to Order
Chairman Porter called the meeting of the Commissioner’s Task Force to order at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 10th.
The meeting was conducted via video conference and was live streamed for the public to observe and listen.

Approval of Agenda
Adam Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda for the September 10th meeting, and Mike Argabright seconded it. Motion carried (18-0). Brad Bergsma was not present at this meeting and did not vote on this motion.

Attendance:
The following Task Force members attended by video conference:

Jim Porter       Frank Harwood
Janet Waugh      Melissa Rooker
Brenda Dietrich  Adam Thomas
Pat Pettey       Mike Argabright
Adam Proffitt    Nick Compagnone
Simeon Russell   Roberta Lewis
Lisa Peters      Jason Winbolt
Jamie Rumford    Alicia Thompson
Tracy Callard    Janet Eaton

Approval of August 6th Minutes
Jason Winbolt made a motion to approve of the August 6th minutes, and Adam Thomas seconded it. Motion carried (18-0). Brad Bergsma was not present at this meeting and did not vote on this motion.

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ESSER II: Application Status Update – Doug Boline

Doug started the meeting off by stating that 225 out of 286 ESSER II plans (79%) have been submitted; 5 additional ESSER II plans currently in progress as of September 3rd, 2021. After today's task force meeting (if all ESSER II plans are recommended by the task force), it will bring the total amount of ESSER II plans to be presented to the State Board of Education to 225 (36 from today and 189 from previous TF meeting batches). The recommendations from today will be presented to the State Board of Education during their monthly meeting on September 14th and 15th, 2021.

ESSER II: Summary & Discussion of Requests Deemed Eligible by KSDE – Doug Boline

Doug mentioned that the 36 districts represented in today's batch have requested $32.2 million total (95% of their total allocations). The average eligible expenditures (requested) per district (for this specific batch) range from $14,624 to $18,843,040; average amount per district is $895,047. The eligible planned expenditures (for this batch) per student average range from $52 to $2,220; average amount is $777. USD 501 Topeka's ESSER II application is included in today's batch which effected the averages of the data shown.

ESSER II: Discussion of Requests Deemed Ineligible by KSDE – Doug Boline

The KSDE review team deemed two requests as ineligible, which were submitted by USD 374 Sublette, and USD 400 Smoky Valley. USD 374 Sublette's specific request was for $38,950, to purchase a fingerprint access system into the building, and the KSDE review team deemed this request as ineligible as it relates directly to security, and not COVID-19. USD 400 Smoky Valley requested reimbursement for a concrete slab, but when applying for Federal Funds, prior approval and estimates of work need to be provided, and in this case could not be provided as the concrete slab was built before these funds were available.

ESSER II: Discussion of Change Requests – Doug Boline

There were 30 districts that submitted change requests that were included in the September 10th meeting material. The eligible expenditures for the 30 change requests totaled to $35,019,052 (cumulative). The net change for the eligible requests will be $2,897,193. Specific details regarding this batch of change requests can be found on the Commissioner's Task Force web page located here - Commissioner's Task Force (ksde.org).

ESSER II: Vote to Recommend Slate to Kansas State Board of Education – Doug Boline

Mike Argabright made a motion to approve the 36 ESSER II applications, and 30 ESSER II change requests, and Pat Pettay seconded it. Motion carried (18-0). Brad Bergsma was not present at this meeting and did not vote on this motion.
Doug Boline reminded the task force with the timeline for EANS II; which will consist of the following:

- Aug. 9th through Sept. 13th – Training for EANS II
- September 13th – Application Opens for EANS II
- September 27th – Application Period Closes
- October 1st – Task Force Meeting
- October 8th – Task Force Meeting
- October 12th – State Board of Education Meeting

**Adjournment** – Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m. The next meeting will occur on Friday, October 1st at 3:00 p.m.