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**TO: Kentucky School District Finance and Facility Directors
Architects, Engineers, Construction Managers and Fiscal Agents serving K-12 Public Schools**

FROM: Greg Dunbar, Manager, District Facilities Branch greg.dunbar@education.ky.gov

DATE: December 8, 2022

RE: Updated ESSER FAQs released U.S. Department of Education

On December 7, 2022, the U.S. Department of Education released a comprehensive update to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) programs and Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) programs May 2021 Use of Funds Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

The [ESSER and GEER Use of Funds FAQs December 7, 2022 Update](#) includes 27 new FAQs drawn from inquiries from State and local educational agencies, along with revisions to eight existing FAQs.

This guidance:

- Expands FAQs on school construction (B-6) and HVAC (B-7) to include information on prior approval and minor remodeling and HVAC improvements;
- Provides additional information on liquidations (E-3b) and the circumstances under which program activities can continue after the liquidation period (E-3d); and
- Outlines additional options for using ESSER and GEER funds to support mental health services for students and educators (C-14), reduce rates of chronic absenteeism (C-11), and promote workforce stability (D-1 and D-1.a).

The December 2022 ESSER and GEER Use of Funds FAQs include a new Appendix B incorporating previously released, standalone FAQs such as those addressing the use of ESSER or GEER funds to support COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, public safety, and transportation.

The Office of State and Grantee Relations will host two webinars to outline the updated Use of Funds FAQs.

Webinar 1: Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 4 p.m. EST. To register, please use the following link: <https://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=846190> (you may copy and paste into your browser)

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Webinar 2 will be offered later in December. The date, time, and registration information will be announced in an upcoming SGR Newsflash, issued every Monday. Both webinars will be recorded.

Ec: District Finance Officers, District Facility Directors, Architect, Engineers, Construction Managers and Fiscal Agents