



To the Administrator Addressed

Commissioner Mike Morath

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DATE:	May 13, 2021
SUBJECT:	ESSER III State Plan
CATEGORY:	Notice of Public Comment
NEXT STEPS:	Share with LEA leadership and submit applicable comments by Friday, May 21, 2021

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) provides over \$12,000,000,000 to the State of Texas for public education, including over \$11,000,000,000 directly to Local Education Agencies. While the U.S. Department of Education (ED) has released approximately \$8,000,000,000 of that allocation to the state, in order to access the remaining funds, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) must submit and obtain ED approval of a state-level plan.

Seeking input from diverse stakeholders across the state is essential to developing plans for the use of approximately \$1,000,000,000 in ARP ESSER III state-level discretionary funds that are responsive to the needs of students, families, and educators.

Please submit any feedback via our [Stakeholder Engagement Survey](#) by 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2021, to be reviewed for inclusion into the state's ESSER III State Plan application.

Contact

For support or additional information on submitting your input, please contact the Department of Grant Compliance and Administration at GrantSupport@tea.texas.gov. Please note that, due to the short timeline for obtaining stakeholder input and submitting the state plan, TEA will not be addressing questions or comments received during this public comment period.

Sincerely,

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