



Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund: Allocations for K-12 Public Schools

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- CARES Act included \$3 billion for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund
- NC received \$95.6 million from the fund
- Funds intended to provide emergency support to school districts, postsecondary institutions, or other education-related entities for addressing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic



Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund

- Governor's focus for funds is to help support K-12 and postsecondary students most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic who can benefit from support during the upcoming school year
- For K-12 schools, Governor directing
 - \$40 million to hire more school nurses, counselors, social workers, and psychologists
 - \$20 million to support the academic needs of at-risk students and students with disabilities
- Funds available through September 2022



Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (SISP)

- Purpose: Provide funding for employing or contracting with specialized instructional support personnel to provide physical and mental health support services for students in response to COVID-19, including remote and in-person services
- May employ or contract with
 - School nurses
 - School counselors
 - School social workers
 - School psychologists
 - “School nurse extenders”



Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (SISP)

- Allotment Formula:
 - Shall be based on 2019-20 allotted ADM for LEAs and 2019-20 funded ADM for other eligible public school units
 - LEAs shall receive a base amount of funding equal to 50% of the average salary and benefits of a state funded instructional support position (\$38,664) plus a dollar per ADM
 - Charter schools, lab schools, regional schools, and the ISD shall receive the higher of 12.5% of the average salary and benefits of a state funded instructional support position (\$9,666) or a dollar per ADM



Supplemental Instructional Services

- Purpose: To provide funding for supplemental instructional services to support the academic needs of at-risk students, students in poverty and students with disabilities through additional in-school instructional supports
- Services may include;
 - Employing or contracting with instructional personnel, such as certified teachers or teacher assistants
 - Paying stipends for NC Education Corps members
 - Providing tutoring services or after school programming
 - Purchasing instructional resources, curriculum materials, or devices (no more than 10% of allotment)



Supplemental Instructional Services

- Allotment Formula:
 - 50% of funds allotted based on 2019-20 allotted ADM for LEAs and funded ADM for other public school units
 - 50% of funds allotted based on the students in poverty per the 2017 census for LEAs; other public school units shall receive an average dollars per student in poverty



Questions and Discussion