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Honorable Chris Reykdal
Superintendent of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 47200
Olympia, WA 98504-7200

Dear Superintendent Reykdal:

I am writing to approve your request for an unanticipated receipt of funds from the federal CARES Act. As you know, the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) funds are granted to state educational agencies to provide emergency relief funds to local education agencies to address the impact of COVID-19 on elementary and secondary schools.

The state of Washington received \$216,892,447 in ESSER funds. Of this amount, 90 percent (\$195,203,202) is allocated to school districts using the Title I formula. Please immediately distribute \$156,162,562 to school districts and hold the remaining amount for distribution on August 15, 2020.

Ten percent (\$21,689,245) of the total ESSER funds is allocated to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction as our state educational agency. Of the 10 percent, please place 9.8 percent (\$21,225,460) in reserve status, and use the remaining 0.2 percent to help non-Title I districts prepare for school opening.

If you have any questions, please contact Nona Snell, Assistant Director for Budget, at 360-902-0542 or nona.snell@ofm.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

David Schumacher
Director

cc: T.J. Kelly, Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
Charlie Gavigan, Coordinator, House Appropriations Committee
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Nona Snell, Assistant Director, Office of Financial Management
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