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Please include this email as the attachment for the item on ESSER funding.

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Mr. Hammond,

After our latest BoE meeting and after reading the commissioner's latest mailing, I believe it would be beneficial if we created a committee to gather input and have discussions on how the district should use the anticipated ESSER funding. I've copied parts of his message below. I like how his message is worded and would like to use it as a model for how we go about the planning process. The district has an amazing opportunity to make huge impacts with this funding. The question I've been asking myself is, "how will our district be different after we use this funding?" To answer this question we need to gather input and data, identify opportunities, determine goals and develop a plan. We need everyone's input. This will be a challenge, however, I am optimistic about the results we will experience. This funding opportunity could bring us all together.

"Adding to the usual hectic schedule around testing and graduations, this year you also are being asked to come up with plans for how to spend federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds to make up for any learning gaps that may have occurred during the use of extended non-traditional instruction due to the pandemic.

I want to encourage you to think big. If ever you had pie-in-the-sky plans for how you could help student learning if only you had the budget to do it, now is the time to take those dusty plans off the shelf. ESSER I, II and III are providing a massive injection of funding into the state that has never been seen before and likely won't again in any of our lifetimes. This gives us a tremendous opportunity to dream big for our students." *Commissioner Glass*

ARP ESSER Consultation Survey

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) believes that seeking input from diverse stakeholders is essential to developing plans for the use of the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) funds.

The ARP ESSER program will provide more than \$2 billion for Kentucky's public schools. The department's goal is to create a plan that is responsive to the needs of students, families and educators. The information gathered through this consultation survey will be used to inform how KDE will allocate its portion of the ARP ESSER fund.

Please Note: Decisions regarding the local use of ARP ESSER funds are made by local boards of education.

I propose the following:

Form an ESSER Planning Committee

Composed of a diverse membership that includes at least one BoE member

Purpose of the committee will be to:

- Collect data
- Collect community input.
- Fully discuss ideas and possibilities
- Determine which initiatives would potentially have the greatest measurable impact on the most students. Narrow focus with broad effect.
- Create measurable goals.
- Create a timeline and plan.
- Submit the plan to the BoE for consideration.
- Submit final spending plan to KDE.

Sincerely,

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