

Senate Select Committee to Re-Open South Carolina – August 12, 2020
South Carolina Department of Education Update

Food Services:

- Total Allocation from Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) for Meal Reimbursements: \$12,000,000
- Encouraging districts to continue providing meals to students attending a virtually.
- Meals Served to Date: 21,912,458

Academic Recovery Camps (ARC):

- Total Allocated from CRF for ARC Reimbursement: \$50,759,000
- Students Identified to Attend:
 - May: 25,000 students
 - July: 10,000 students
 - Actual: 3,500 students
- Estimated the SCDE will reimburse districts up to \$7,886,239 for those ARCs which were able to take place face to face.
- Students who Attended a Virtual ARC: 20,000+ students
 - Note: Districts who elected to host their ARC virtually may not seek reimbursement of CRF allocated for ARC purposes.
- There is an estimated \$42,872,261 remaining in CRF allocated to the SCDE for ARC. Possible reallocation of funding would be prioritized in the following additional areas to support districts with unbudgeted instructional support beyond the number of days and hours required by state law:
 - Instructional support for grades k-3 in ELA and Math (face to face tutoring, interventionists,
 - Instructional support for grades 4-12.
 - Additional measures for the health, safety, and social/emotional well-being of students (nurses, social workers, counselors, etc.)
 - Protective equipment, supplies, and safety upgrades related to COVID-19.

Learn, Evaluate, Analyze, and Prepare (LEAP) Days:

- Total Allocation from CRF for LEAP Reimbursement: \$159,241,000
- 11 districts hosted LEAP days August 3rd – 7th
- Four districts will wait to host LEAP days in September.
- The remaining 66 districts' LEAP days are spread throughout August.

Fall 2020:

- Start Date:
 - Districts have start dates throughout August and September. 32 districts have indicated they will begin the school year on September 8th.
- Districts will **begin** the 2020-2021 school year in the following ways:
 - Full Face to Face: 17 districts
 - Hybrid: 48 districts
 - Virtual: 14 districts
 - Note: Models vary by individual school within the Charter Institute at Erskine and the South Carolina Public Charter School District. Districts beginning virtually have plans to offer face to face instruction ranging from 1-5 days within less than a month from official start date.

Elementary and Secondary Schools Education Relief (ESSER) Funds:

- Of the total \$216,311,158 allocated, \$17,492,283.12 has been drawn down by districts and the SCDE. Districts have until September 2022 to expend funds.