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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to provide an update on the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) policy regarding OSSE's annual monitoring review for fiscal year 2024 (FY24) grants. OSSE has been using a revised risk assessment in response to the influx of federal stimulus funds, especially through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on the risk assessment that will be implemented this year for programmatic and fiscal monitoring of FY24 grants. We hope this overview will assist local education agencies (LEAs) in planning and preparation for monitoring activities.

Selection for Monitoring

OSSE has selected LEAs for monitoring of FY24 grants based on a risk assessment focused on LEAs that met several risk criteria, have open findings that are significantly past due, and those not programmatically monitored in recent years. Selection of LEAs was based on the following:

- LEAs with open findings from monitoring on their FY22 grants are automatically selected for monitoring on FY24 grants;
- LEAs that meet three or more of the risk criteria listed below are automatically selected for monitoring on FY24 grants; and
- LEAs that were not programmatically monitored in the past five years (FY19-FY23) and meet one or more of the following risk criteria on FY24 grants are selected for FY24 grants monitoring:
 - Submitted more than 75 percent of its FY24 reimbursement requests in the last month of the fiscal year or after the close of the fiscal year (i.e., from September–December);
 - Has been open for fewer than five years;
 - Had a school designated for school improvement in OSSE's accountability system in 2024;
 - Had total grant expenditures in the top 75th percentile for FY24; and/or
 - Demonstrated issues with reporting timeliness and/or application quality across multiple grant programs.

Scope of Monitoring

All selected LEAs will receive programmatic monitoring. In addition, any selected LEAs that spent ESSER funds in FY24 will receive fiscal monitoring for compliance with procurement requirements only. The following grants may be included in OSSE's monitoring reviews:

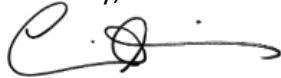
- Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended (ESEA), Title I, Part A: Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Education Agencies
- ESEA, Title I: 1003 School Improvement (IIS)
- ESEA, Title II, Part A: Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting High Quality Teachers, Principals and Other School Leaders
- ESEA Title III, Part A: Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students

- ESEA Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants
- Charter Schools Program Replication and Expansion
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance
- American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Homeless Children and Youth Fund I (ARP Homeless I)
- American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Homeless Children and Youth Fund II (ARP Homeless II)
- American Rescue Plan, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III-ARP)
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B
- Scholarships for Opportunity and Results (SOAR) Act, Formula
- Scholarships for Opportunity and Results (SOAR) Act, Facilities
- Scholarships for Opportunity and Results (SOAR) Act, Teacher Pipeline

We will continue to share general updates through our division's bi-weekly grants newsletter, and you will receive details specific to your LEA via email. We look forward to a successful and productive monitoring review.

For questions or additional information, please reach out to OSSE.Monitoring@dc.gov.

Sincerely,



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