

Bob,  
Thanks for reaching out.

I want to share some context first in the hopes it gives a good framework of what we're working with:

The COVID funds came in three federal Acts.

1. CARES Act was appropriated about a year ago and addressed the immediate needs of public schools –
  - a. Coronavirus Relief Funds – these were federal funds that were directed by the NC General Assembly to assist the PSU with items such as remote learning, PPE and instructional . Out of the approx \$313 less than 5% is remaining. These funds expire Dec 31, 2021
  - b. Emergency Funds (ESSERI) of \$387m - these funds were provide with a broad use to address the needs of the schools. These funds are intended for the period from now until Sept 30, 2022. 50% of these funds have been expended
2. CRRSA Act (ESSERII) was appropriated in December 2020 and expire Sept 30, 2023. Most school districts will be drawing these funds down to fund the NC legislated summer school.
3. ARPA Act (ESSER III)was appropriated in the spring and expire September 2024 and is intended to address long term learning loss. \$400m of these funds have **not** be appropriated by the NC General Assembly and therefore the PSUs do **not** have access to these funds at this time.

You'll see in some of the timelines given above that much of this money can be spent over the course of the next three years, so there is quite a decent runway (in terms of calendar) to work with. Some of the funding also has not been appropriated by the GA, therefore it cannot be used. Further, there are also stipulations around how the funds can be spent.

It goes without saying that the pandemic had short term and long term impacts, and the PSUs understand that the negative impacts will take time to reverse. Much thought and intentionality has gone, and will continue, to go into how these funds will be used within districts based upon the needs of students and stipulations of the law.

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