Date: October 15, 2020

To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads

Route to: ESEA Directors, Directors of Special Education, School Business Administrators

From: Martin Egan, Director

Office of Grants Management

Division of Finance

Deadline: October 23, 2020

CARES Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund Bridging the Digital Divide Grant Application – Update

Last week, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) released an <u>update</u> regarding the <u>Digital Divide</u> <u>Grant</u>, notifying school districts that they are *not required to wait until digital devices are received in order to submit reimbursements* and should not delay in submitting reimbursements. Due to requests for additional time from districts, the deadline for reimbursement requests for these funds to the Office of Grants Management through the NJDOE's <u>Electronic Web Enabled Grant System (EWEG)</u> webpage has been extended to **October 23**, **2020**.

Please note that there is a limited period of availability for these funds and prompt submissions are necessary to ensure that all funds are benefitting New Jersey students.

For questions or additional information regarding the Digital Divide Grant application process, contact the NJDOE's Office of Grants Management at eweghelp@doe.nj.gov.

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