



Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Elementary and Secondary Education
Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund



CARES Act → prevent, prepare for, and respond to impacts of COVID-19

- Signed into law on March 27, 2020
- Department of Elementary and Secondary Education = the state agency charged with distributing the funds to local education agencies (LEAs) or school districts
- Uses Title I formula for determining each district's allocation
- Required consultation with private schools in Belmont, as we do with other federal grants
- Can be used for FY20 expenditures or FY21
 - Belmont will use it for FY21

Allowable Uses

- Remote learning
 - Educational technology
 - Supplies and services
 - Training, planning, and coordination
 - Diagnostic assessments to gauge learning needs and gaps
- Mental health services and supports
- Meeting unique needs of special populations
- Family and community outreach and engagement
- Re-establishment of district operations and services

Belmont Public Schools

Allocation = \$127,474

Recommendation: Technology Integration Specialists

- Two 1-year positions
- Hire from current educators with tech expertise (and replace them with 1-year long term substitutes)
- Grant due date = July 1 (and will submit as soon as private school consultation is completed)