

HOS Report
3/17/21

GEER II and ESSER II

Will probably be available on July 1. It is still in process. We are required to consume all of ESSER I before accessing ESSER II. That has been achieved.

Just a reminder that we will have to submit an application and a budget just like the first round and the CRF package. This upcoming round can be used for all things that the first round was used for plus 3 additional uses (currently Charters cannot use this funding for building improvements):

1] ADDRESSING LEARNING LOSS – *including: administrating and using reliable assessments to assess students' academic progress, implement evidence-based activities, track student attendance, and provide information and assistance to families on how to support students in distance learning.*

2] SCHOOL FACILITIES REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

3] AIR QUALITY – *Inspecting, testing, maintenance, repairs, replacement and upgrade to improve indoor air quality in school facilities;*

Joint BMS/WAPS Board Meeting

Confirmed April 14th @ 6:00. In-person or virtual meeting TBD.

HEF Grant

Spring submission and annual report submitted.

2021-21 Calendar

Approved WAPS option 2 is in the consent agenda folder. Will work to convert it to our format.

Authorizer Change update

We have received a letter from MDE, along with their scoring rubric regarding the change of authorizer process. The letter and rubric are in the folder. There are 2 corrective actions that need to be addressed. MDE told VOA that the only immediate action was that there needed to be a simple response acknowledging the changes that need to be made, and assurances that they would be addressed before the contract can be approved.

This process has created an extraordinary information dig. I met with MDE reps today with Sherry, and worked on starting to resolve some of the concerns. Brenda (BK) and I chatted about it, and I have recruited Eugene from MACS to help me move forward. Policies 501 and 502 require a discussion.

Summer school

We are discussing plans to offer summer learning to students this year. The goal is to help build skills for “lost learning” as most are calling it due to model changes during the

pandemic. We have several options. We can use Targeted Services through HVED which will pay for the staff-it is open to students that have a demonstrated need which means we would most likely use the Fastbridge results as the initial selection indicator. We could run our own program as well, which would remove any limitations associated with T.S. but then we are on the hook for the salaries which would probably use ESSER II money. Currently we intend to do some parent information sessions, draft surveys to staff and families seeking potential participation data, and then drafting a timeline. Based on the Winter screening results, much of grades k and 1 may be eligible for programming.

Brianna/fundraising plans

Bloomerang is up and running. Erin, Brianna, and I are meeting on 3/24 to discuss our plans for the Friends of Bluffview Committee to get rolling in April. We already have about 10 people that will be joining the committee. We may seek 2-4 more.

Covid testing

Has gone well. About 12 staff on average have been participating in the voluntary testing. Now that the state of MN has made family testing at home accessible to all, one new wrinkle is that families can drop off their test samples to the school on our scheduled testing day to be mailed out with staff samples. Email to families sent 3/15/21. *See below directly from MDE in italics:*

Student COVID-19 Testing Update

*At Governor Walz's direction, MDE is removing yet another barrier to testing: the UPS drop box. While some kids live down the street from a drop box, it's quite a haul for others. **Students will now be able to send their Vault-at-Home tests back to the lab through their schools.***

How this works:

- *Students or families order tests through the [Vault-at-Home program](#) (remember tests are no costs to Minnesota residents).*
- *Students complete their test at home.*
- *Students seal their sample tube and place it in the biohazard bag. The biohazard bag then gets sealed in the shipping bag that came with the test. The shipping label sticker is attached to the bag.*
- *Students bring their sealed shipping bag with the shipping label to school on your designated onsite testing day. Please communicate clearly with all students and families as to the day of your onsite testing programs.*

To help students comply with MDH's bi-weekly testing guidance and use at-home tests as a screening tool:

- *Students should test on the same schedule as staff (a specific day every other week).*

- *Students will need to have a Vault-at-Home kit on hand at home to complete and bring to school on staff testing day.*
- *Once students receive notice that their sample is being processed at the lab, they can order another Vault-at-Home kit for the next screening day.*

[Covid Testing for Families website](#)

[Test at Home Program website](#)

Vaccination programs

Between MDE and the County, all staff that want a vaccination should be registered. Over half of the staff that has chosen to receive a vaccination should have their second dose at this time. New guidance from the CDC is saying that 2 weeks after the second dose, vaccination recipients should be considered immune for 90 days much like those that have had the virus.

Other links:

[3/12/21 updated Stay Safe Learning Plan](#)

[Newest Quarantine Guidance 12/7](#)

[BMS website dashboard](#)

[Daily Reported Case Tracking doc](#)

[Stay Safe MN 14 day data for K-12 by County](#)