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## MEMORANDUM

TO: South Dakota Legislators

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RE: Update on Education Funding through the CARES Act

Governor Noem announced approximately **\$75 million** in grant funding for public and non-public K-12 schools from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) today. The U.S. Treasury's [updated guidance](#) allows direct payments to K-12 schools of **up to \$500 per elementary and secondary student** "such that schools do not need to document the specific use of funds up to that amount." Payments from the Fund can be used to "cover costs associated with providing distance learning (e.g., the cost of laptops to provide to students) or for in-person learning (e.g., the cost of acquiring personal protective equipment for students attending schools in-person or other costs associated with meeting Center for Disease Control guidelines)."

Requirements for CRF apply to schools as well. The payments may only be used to cover costs that:

1. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
2. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State of government; and
3. Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

The state's 149 public school districts and 47 accredited non-public schools will receive an **initial payment based on 90% of their Fall 2019 enrollment**. The final payment will be made in early November following the finalization of 2020 enrollments. Details of what each school will receive in their initial payment follow this memo. This information will be posted on the Department of Education's website. <http://doe.sd.gov/coronavirus/>

South Dakota's tribes received CARES Act funds as well. The U.S. Treasury guidance applies equally to those funds; tribes can elect to support their schools in the same way.

The **CRF grants are in addition to the \$41 million schools received** through the U.S. Department of Education's Elementary & Secondary Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. The ESSER grants required public schools to provide equitable services to the non-public schools in their district boundaries. There is not an equitable services requirement with the CRF grants. Both public and non-public schools will receive funding directly from the CRF.

More information is available on the SD Department of Education's website:

<http://doe.sd.gov/coronavirus/>

## Additional K-12 Supports for COVID-19

In addition to the \$75 million in grant funds for K-12 schools, Governor Noem has dedicated CRF dollars for sentinel testing of adult staff in K-12 schools and for Zoom licenses for educators.

### COVID-19 Testing

In partnership with the Departments of Health and Education, K-12 schools can elect to participate in sentinel testing through the fall semester. Sentinel testing – or testing asymptomatic individuals – can help monitor the presence of COVID-19 among adult staff.

Sentinel testing helps ensure that new infections are detected promptly, and their contacts traced to contain transmission as early as possible. Participation is voluntary but strongly encouraged as an effective tool to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Sentinel testing involves testing a certain number of asymptomatic individuals each week in order to discover unseen transmission. The SD DOH recommends schools test a total of 2% of individuals who are asymptomatic and apparently well each month.

Schools are working with a local health care provider to collect test specimens and run the labs. Schools will pay the healthcare provider and submit receipts for reimbursement each month.

To date, **63 districts have opted to participate** in sentinel testing, representing 36% of K-12 students. 40 schools have opted to not participate. They serve 8% of the state's K-12 students. Others are expected to begin participation in the coming weeks.

More information is available at <https://doe.sd.gov/coronavirus/documents/081020-Presentation.pdf>.

### Zoom Licenses

The Department of Education negotiated a three-year agreement at \$7.50 per user annually with Zoom to provide K-12 teachers and school administrators access to the digital communication system. The first year will be funded by the CRF. The Department of Education will support years two and three with available technology funding.



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<b>LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY (LEA)</b>	<b>2019 Fall Enrollment</b>	<b>Approximate Total CRF Allocation</b>	<b>Preliminary CRF Payment September 2020</b>
Aberdeen School District 06-1	4,471	\$ 2,235,500	\$ 2,011,950
Agar-Blunt-Onida School District 58-3	266	\$ 133,000	\$ 119,700
Alcester-Hudson School District 61-1	343	\$ 171,500	\$ 154,350
Andes Central School District 11-1	313	\$ 156,500	\$ 140,850
Arlington School District 38-1	256	\$ 128,000	\$ 115,200
Armour School District 21-1	176	\$ 88,000	\$ 79,200
Avon School District 04-1	223	\$ 111,500	\$ 100,350
Baltic School District 49-1	494	\$ 247,000	\$ 222,300
Belle Fourche School District 09-1	1,379	\$ 689,500	\$ 620,550
Bennett County School District 03-1	512	\$ 256,000	\$ 230,400
Beresford School District 61-2	703	\$ 351,500	\$ 316,350
Big Stone City School District 25-1	69	\$ 34,500	\$ 31,050
Bison School District 52-1	140	\$ 70,000	\$ 63,000
Bon Homme School District 04-2	511	\$ 255,500	\$ 229,950
Bowdle School District 22-1	112	\$ 56,000	\$ 50,400
Brandon Valley School District 49-2	4,386	\$ 2,193,000	\$ 1,973,700
Bridgewater-Emery School District 30-3	315	\$ 157,500	\$ 141,750
Britton-Hecla School District 45-4	418	\$ 209,000	\$ 188,100
Brookings School District 05-1	3,410	\$ 1,705,000	\$ 1,534,500
Burke School District 26-2	280	\$ 140,000	\$ 126,000
Canistota School District 43-1	214	\$ 107,000	\$ 96,300
Canton School District 41-1	891	\$ 445,500	\$ 400,950
Castlewood School District 28-1	297	\$ 148,500	\$ 133,650
Centerville School District 60-1	274	\$ 137,000	\$ 123,300
Chamberlain School District 07-1	868	\$ 434,000	\$ 390,600
Chester School District 39-1	559	\$ 279,500	\$ 251,550
Clark School District 12-2	408	\$ 204,000	\$ 183,600
Colman-Egan School District 50-5	273	\$ 136,500	\$ 122,850
Colome Consolidated School District 59-3	220	\$ 110,000	\$ 99,000
Corsica-Stickney School District 21-3	254	\$ 127,000	\$ 114,300
Custer School District 16-1	928	\$ 464,000	\$ 417,600
Dakota Valley School District 61-8	1,382	\$ 691,000	\$ 621,900
De Smet School District 38-2	276	\$ 138,000	\$ 124,200
Dell Rapids School District 49-3	989	\$ 494,500	\$ 445,050
Deubrook School District 05-6	363	\$ 181,500	\$ 163,350
Deuel School District 19-4	502	\$ 251,000	\$ 225,900
Doland School District 56-2	151	\$ 75,500	\$ 67,950
Douglas School District 51-1	2,836	\$ 1,418,000	\$ 1,276,200
Dupree School District 64-2	379	\$ 189,500	\$ 170,550
Eagle Butte School District 20-1	339	\$ 169,500	\$ 152,550
Edgemont School District 23-1	162	\$ 81,000	\$ 72,900
Edmunds Central School District 22-5	131	\$ 65,500	\$ 58,950
Elk Mountain School District 16-2	11	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,950

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Elk Point-Jefferson School District 61-7	692	\$	346,000	\$	311,400
Elkton School District 05-3	396	\$	198,000	\$	178,200
Estelline School District 28-2	263	\$	131,500	\$	118,350
Ethan School District 17-1	272	\$	136,000	\$	122,400
Eureka School District 44-1	151	\$	75,500	\$	67,950
Faith School District 46-2	175	\$	87,500	\$	78,750
Faulkton School District 24-4	335	\$	167,500	\$	150,750
Flandreau School District 50-3	701	\$	350,500	\$	315,450
Florence School District 14-1	272	\$	136,000	\$	122,400
Frederick Area School District 06-2	158	\$	79,000	\$	71,100
Freeman School District 33-1	324	\$	162,000	\$	145,800
Garretson School District 49-4	492	\$	246,000	\$	221,400
Gayville-Volin School District 63-1	289	\$	144,500	\$	130,050
Gettysburg School District 53-1	226	\$	113,000	\$	101,700
Gregory School District 26-4	373	\$	186,500	\$	167,850
Groton Area School District 06-6	581	\$	290,500	\$	261,450
Haakon School District 27-1	316	\$	158,000	\$	142,200
Hamlin School District 28-3	834	\$	417,000	\$	375,300
Hanson School District 30-1	396	\$	198,000	\$	178,200
Harding County School District 31-1	200	\$	100,000	\$	90,000
Harrisburg School District 41-2	5,121	\$	2,560,500	\$	2,304,450
Henry School District 14-2	158	\$	79,000	\$	71,100
Herreid School District 10-1	123	\$	61,500	\$	55,350
Highmore-Harrold School District 34-2	223	\$	111,500	\$	100,350
Hill City School District 51-2	462	\$	231,000	\$	207,900
Hitchcock-Tulare School District 56-6	229	\$	114,500	\$	103,050
Hot Springs School District 23-2	758	\$	379,000	\$	341,100
Hoven School District 53-2	99	\$	49,500	\$	44,550
Howard School District 48-3	358	\$	179,000	\$	161,100
Huron School District 02-2	2,807	\$	1,403,500	\$	1,263,150
Ipswich School District 22-6	414	\$	207,000	\$	186,300
Irene-Wakonda School District 13-3	289	\$	144,500	\$	130,050
Iroquois School District 02-3	212	\$	106,000	\$	95,400
Jones County School District 37-3	168	\$	84,000	\$	75,600
Kadoka School District 35-2	337	\$	168,500	\$	151,650
Kimball School District 07-2	314	\$	157,000	\$	141,300
Lake Preston School District 38-3	173	\$	86,500	\$	77,850
Langford School District 45-2	213	\$	106,500	\$	95,850
Lead-Deadwood School District 40-1	775	\$	387,500	\$	348,750
Lemmon School District 52-4	249	\$	124,500	\$	112,050
Lennox School District 41-4	1,140	\$	570,000	\$	513,000
Leola School District 44-2	217	\$	108,500	\$	97,650
Lyman School District 42-1	350	\$	175,000	\$	157,500
Madison Central School District 39-2	1,165	\$	582,500	\$	524,250
Marion School District 60-3	173	\$	86,500	\$	77,850
McCook Central School District 43-7	388	\$	194,000	\$	174,600
McIntosh School District 15-1	166	\$	83,000	\$	74,700

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McLaughlin School District 15-2	429	\$	214,500	\$	193,050
Meade School District 46-1	2,948	\$	1,474,000	\$	1,326,600
Menno School District 33-2	271	\$	135,500	\$	121,950
Milbank School District 25-4	997	\$	498,500	\$	448,650
Miller Area School District 29-4	443	\$	221,500	\$	199,350
Mitchell School District 17-2	2,775	\$	1,387,500	\$	1,248,750
Mobridge-Pollock School District 62-6	603	\$	301,500	\$	271,350
Montrose School District 43-2	244	\$	122,000	\$	109,800
Mount Vernon School District 17-3	226	\$	113,000	\$	101,700
New Underwood School District 51-3	248	\$	124,000	\$	111,600
Newell School District 09-2	257	\$	128,500	\$	115,650
Northwestern Area School District 56-7	296	\$	148,000	\$	133,200
Oelrichs School District 23-3	121	\$	60,500	\$	54,450
Oglala Lakota County School District 65-1	1,309	\$	654,500	\$	589,050
Oldham-Ramona School District 39-5	162	\$	81,000	\$	72,900
Parker School District 60-4	459	\$	229,500	\$	206,550
Parkston School District 33-3	544	\$	272,000	\$	244,800
Pierre School District 32-2	2,775	\$	1,387,500	\$	1,248,750
Plankinton School District 01-1	333	\$	166,500	\$	149,850
Platte-Geddes School District 11-5	500	\$	250,000	\$	225,000
Rapid City School District 51-4	13,462	\$	6,731,000	\$	6,057,900
Redfield School District 56-4	583	\$	291,500	\$	262,350
Rosholt School District 54-4	243	\$	121,500	\$	109,350
Rutland School District 39-4	175	\$	87,500	\$	78,750
Sanborn Central School District 55-5	179	\$	89,500	\$	80,550
Scotland School District 04-3	256	\$	128,000	\$	115,200
Selby School District 62-5	173	\$	86,500	\$	77,850
Sioux Falls School District 49-5	24,237	\$	12,118,500	\$	10,906,650
Sioux Valley School District 05-5	666	\$	333,000	\$	299,700
Sisseton School District 54-2	954	\$	477,000	\$	429,300
Smee School District 15-3	195	\$	97,500	\$	87,750
South Central School District 26-5	42	\$	21,000	\$	18,900
Spearfish School District 40-2	2,394	\$	1,197,000	\$	1,077,300
Stanley County School District 57-1	404	\$	202,000	\$	181,800
Summit School District 54-6	171	\$	85,500	\$	76,950
Tea Area School District 41-5	1,950	\$	975,000	\$	877,500
Timber Lake School District 20-3	349	\$	174,500	\$	157,050
Todd County School District 66-1	2,134	\$	1,067,000	\$	960,300
Tripp-Delmont School District 33-5	124	\$	62,000	\$	55,800
Tri-Valley School District 49-6	956	\$	478,000	\$	430,200
Vermillion School District 13-1	1,254	\$	627,000	\$	564,300
Viborg - Hurley 60-6	342	\$	171,000	\$	153,900
Wagner School District 11-4	804	\$	402,000	\$	361,800
Wall School District 51-5	283	\$	141,500	\$	127,350
Warner School District 06-5	312	\$	156,000	\$	140,400
Watertown School District 14-4	3,840	\$	1,920,000	\$	1,728,000
Waubay School District 18-3	172	\$	86,000	\$	77,400

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Waverly School District 14-5	250	\$	125,000	\$	112,500
Webster School District 18-4	523	\$	261,500	\$	235,350
Wessington Springs School District 36-2	320	\$	160,000	\$	144,000
West Central School District 49-7	1,370	\$	685,000	\$	616,500
White Lake School District 01-3	124	\$	62,000	\$	55,800
White River School District 47-1	381	\$	190,500	\$	171,450
Willow Lake School District 12-3	269	\$	134,500	\$	121,050
Wilmot School District 54-7	226	\$	113,000	\$	101,700
Winner School District 59-2	703	\$	351,500	\$	316,350
Wolsey-Wessington School District 02-6	357	\$	178,500	\$	160,650
Woonsocket School District 55-4	242	\$	121,000	\$	108,900
Yankton School District 63-3	2,763	\$	1,381,500	\$	1,243,350
Aberdeen Catholic System	437	\$	218,500	\$	196,650
Aberdeen Christian	187	\$	93,500	\$	84,150
Baan Dek Montessori	2	\$	1,000	\$	900
Bethel Lutheran	14	\$	7,000	\$	6,300
Bethesda Lutheran	5	\$	2,500	\$	2,250
Bishop O’Gorman Catholic School	2232	\$	1,116,000	\$	1,004,400
Calvary Baptist Christian	146	\$	73,000	\$	65,700
Children's House Montessori	24	\$	12,000	\$	10,800
Dakota Christian	84	\$	42,000	\$	37,800
For His Glory	15	\$	7,500	\$	6,750
Freeman Academy	80	\$	40,000	\$	36,000
Good Shepherd Lutheran	56	\$	28,000	\$	25,200
Great Plains Lutheran	130	\$	65,000	\$	58,500
Holy Trinity	71	\$	35,500	\$	31,950
Huttenerville Colony	25	\$	12,500	\$	11,250
Immaculate Conception	163	\$	81,500	\$	73,350
James Valley Christian	200	\$	100,000	\$	90,000
John Paul II Elementary	129	\$	64,500	\$	58,050
Madison Christian	14	\$	7,000	\$	6,300
McCrossan Boys Ranch	37	\$	18,500	\$	16,650
Mitchell Christian	121	\$	60,500	\$	54,450
Montessori of Aberdeen	6	\$	3,000	\$	2,700
Poinsett Colony Elementary	4	\$	2,000	\$	1,800
Rapid City Catholic System	721	\$	360,500	\$	324,450
Rapid City Christian	235	\$	117,500	\$	105,750
Red Cloud Indian	514	\$	257,000	\$	231,300
Sacred Heart	224	\$	112,000	\$	100,800
Sapa Un Catholic Academy	53	\$	26,500	\$	23,850
Sioux Falls Christian	1158	\$	579,000	\$	521,100
Sioux Falls Lutheran Association	198	\$	99,000	\$	89,100
St Agnes	98	\$	49,000	\$	44,100
St Joseph	191	\$	95,500	\$	85,950
St Joseph Indian	175	\$	87,500	\$	78,750
St Lawrence	82	\$	41,000	\$	36,900

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St Martins Lutheran	110	\$	55,000	\$	<b>49,500</b>
St Marys - Dell Rapids	207	\$	103,500	\$	<b>93,150</b>
St Marys - Salem	36	\$	18,000	\$	<b>16,200</b>
St Pauls Lutheran	102	\$	51,000	\$	<b>45,900</b>
St Thomas	36	\$	18,000	\$	<b>16,200</b>
St. Thomas More Catholic School	33	\$	16,500	\$	<b>14,850</b>
Sunshine Bible Academy	70	\$	35,000	\$	<b>31,500</b>
Trinity Lutheran	61	\$	30,500	\$	<b>27,450</b>
Volga Christian	35	\$	17,500	\$	<b>15,750</b>
Watertown Christian	58	\$	29,000	\$	<b>26,100</b>
Westside Christian School	20	\$	10,000	\$	<b>9,000</b>
White Eagle Christian Aca	12	\$	6,000	\$	<b>5,400</b>
Zion Lutheran RC	125	\$	62,500	\$	<b>56,250</b>