



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

EDUCATION

March 25, 2020

Dear LEA and Third-Party Organization Leaders,

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) was scheduled to release Request for Applications (RFAs) for Scholarships for Opportunity and Results (SOAR) Academic Quality and Early Childhood formula grants, as well as SOAR Third Party and SOAR Facilities competitive grants on March 23, 2020. In recognition of coronavirus (COVID-19) and this dynamic time in school operations, OSSE is pausing the release of these competitions.

SOAR funds will still be made available and will be released at a later date. We are currently working on a redesign of the grant program to better meet stakeholder needs during the current situation and expect to re-release the RFAs in the coming months.

OSSE seeks to ensure that SOAR funding may be used to assist in providing schools and students the right tools and resources to fit their needs during this rapidly evolving situation. In the coming days, OSSE will be reaching out to learn more about questions, concerns, and opportunities around grant funds LEAs and other school partners receive from OSSE.

I recognize our shared desire to ensure that our students continue to receive a high-quality and equitable education. We will continue to work with urgency and focus to provide schools support, reduced burden, and flexibility in this unprecedented time.

For resources and information about the District of Columbia Government's response to coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.

Sincerely,

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