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COVID CONVO: ENGAGE WITH LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS ON COVID-19

Every Friday through September 25th
August 14th | 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Introduction/Agenda from Arif

- CRF funding/MDE PPT/ESSR GEER allocations – Fred Nolan

- Superintendent update: Tim Lutz, Dan Voce, Brenda Spartz, and Andy Almos

- Q&A

- Service cooperative update – Jeremy Kovash

- Public health & communications – Neil Carlson + Todd Rapp

- Additional resources

- Q&A

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Coronavirus Relief Funds ($244.8 M)

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF)

Section 5001 of the CARES Act established the $150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), providing payments to state, local, and tribal governments navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. The CARES Act sets criteria that expenses must meet to be eligible for CRF funding.

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- Expenditures must be a necessary result of the COVID-19 public health emergency

- Funds must be expended (out the door) by December 30, 2020

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$146.7 M for Operational Costs

Operational costs associated with the chosen learning model (any model is applicable) chosen includes, but not limited to, the following:

- Daily cleaning supplies and disinfectant sprayers

- Screening supplies including no-touch thermometers

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including face coverings

- Increased costs for transporting students at limited capacity

$97.7 M for Various Groups Support

Boost student, family, educator support, and prioritizing equity. Funds can be used for the following, but are not limited to:

- Digital navigators: training for educators, students, or families on use of technology/digital literacy

- Technology devices and internet access

- Tutors or mentors to address learning loss: supporting whole school, small group, and individual needs

- Translation services

- School-age care for essential workers

- Professional development focused on Academic Response to Intervention (RtI); social emotional learning, competency-based learning, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and anti-bias practices

How to Apply for CRF

- Find your CRF, ESSR, and GEERS allocations **here**

- Learn more about CRF and the MDE Back2Better PPT **here**

- Apply at MDE Grants portal for formula grants **here** (need a user login if you don't have one)

- Keep checking back for more information at MDE CARES Act Funding Page **here**

- If you are stuck or have questions, email **Andre Prahl** or **Michael Diedrich**

- **Remember to spend these funds FIRST** as they must be expended (out the door) by December 30, 2020

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Bemidji Area Schools ISD 31

Update for Bemidji Area Schools

Initial thoughts on CRF funding:

- HVAC upgrades and filter upgrades

- Technology, external cameras, touch-free pads for food service

- PPE, signage, barriers, sneeze guards, etc.

Changes in Beltrami County's COVID numbers:

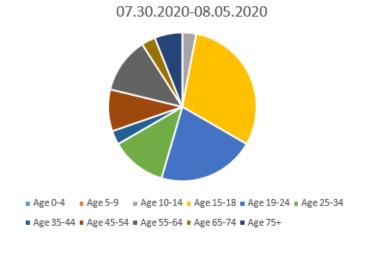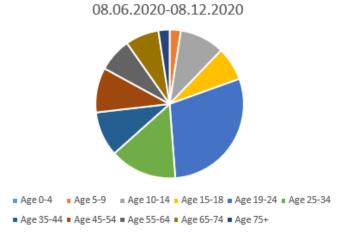| County	6/28-7/11	7/5-7/18	7/12 – 7/25	7/19 – 8/1
Beltrami	14.31	21.47	18.43	18.21

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Update for Bemidji Area Schools

Partnership with Beltrami County Public Health

- Advantage of providing daily (not weekly) updates on rolling averages narrowed down to age groups that are critical to our District

Age Groups	07.30.2020-08.05.2020	08.06.2020-08.12.2020	08.13.2020-08.19.2020	08.20.2020-08.26.2020	08.27.2020-09.02.2020	Totals:
Age 0-4						0
Age 5-9		1				1
Age 10-14	1	4				5
Age 15-18	10	3				13
Age 19-24	7	12				19
Age 25-34	4	6				10
Age 35-44	1	4				5
Age 45-54	3	4				7
Age 55-64	4	3				7
Age 65-74	1	3				4
Age 75+	2	1				3
					Total:	74

07.30.2020-08.05.2020

■ Age 0-4 ■ Age 5-9 ■ Age 10-14 ■ Age 15-18 ■ Age 19-24 ■ Age 25-34
■ Age 35-44 ■ Age 45-54 ■ Age 55-64 ■ Age 65-74 ■ Age 75+

08.06.2020-08.12.2020

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Update for Bemidji Area Schools

Decision on base model will be made this Monday, August 17th

Next Steps:

- **Communicate, communicate, COMMUNICATE!**

  - Radio, newspaper, mass e-blasts, phone calls, and videos

- **Meetings, meetings, MEETINGS!**

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Mora Public Schools

Update for Mora Public Schools

Initial thoughts on CRF funding:

- Transportation: double routes will cost much more in salary, fuel, etc.

- PPE, cleaning, supplies, etc.

- Technology – Digital Navigator

Changes in Kanabec County's COVID numbers:

- Meeting weekly with Kanabec County Public Health and Welia

- Slight increase in numbers

County	6/28-7/11	7/5-7/18	7/12 – 7/25	7/19 – 8/1
Kanabec	2.50	5.00	3.12	3.75

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Update for Mora Public Schools

Special Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 12

- Review our "Return to School Plan"

- Kanabec Public Health, District Nurse, and Welia Health Care

- Unanimously approve resolution to begin in-person if our rates remain close and for Superintendent authority to move between models based on collaboration with Kanabec Public Health, MDE, and MDH.

Looking ahead

- ICS checklist: transportation costs, setting up incident command team, funding, HR employees, health and safety, communications, etc.

- Back to school planning: new teacher WS and Back to School WS, open house

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East Central Public Schools

Update for East Central Public Schools

- Thoughts on CRF funding

- What's changed in our county rate and planning

- Final decision on opening model

Changes in Pine County's COVID numbers:

County	6/28-7/11	7/5-7/18	7/12 – 7/25	7/19 – 8/1
Pine	3.78	2.75	3.43	3.09

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Q&A

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Service Cooperative Update

Anchoring our Work During COVID-19

- **Susan Klammer, MDH Epidemiologist assigned to MDE, keynoted the MDE Back2Better Conference**

  - Anchor us she did in research. Her **PPT** is full of links to source studies.

  - Must read for school leaders to know what we are dealing with, latest verified knowledge, and how your partnership with MDH and local public health will play out during the school year

    o Find a summary **here**

    o If you read only one study, make it the New England Journal of Medicine **school reopening research synthesis**

- **Want to know about testing? Learn from Meridith Vadis, COO MDH Testing Workgroup here**

Q&A

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Thank You for Your Time!

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Presentation Resources

- [East Central Public Schools Reopening Schools Plan](#)

- [Mora Public Schools Reopening Schools Plan](#)

- [Bemidji Area Schools Reopening Schools Information](#)

- [CRF, ESSR, and GEERS Allocations](#)

- [CRF and MDE Back2Better PPT](#)

- [MDE Grants Portal](#)

- [MDE CARES Act Funding](#)

- CRF Questions: [Andre Prahl](#) or [Michael Diedrich](#)

- [E&F Services Blog: Anchoring Our Work During COVID-19](#)

- [New England Journal of Medicine School Opening Research Synthesis](#)

- [E&F Services Blog: Everything School Leaders Want to Know About Testing and More](#)

- [Susan Klammer PowerPoint Presentation](#)