



# Superintendent Update

September 30, 2020

# Education Stabilization Fund Program

## Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund

Education Stabilization Fund Program  
Elementary and Secondary School  
Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund

Maryland Local School System  
Reopening Schools Incentive Grant  
Application and Certification

September 18, 2020



- Sent to School Systems on Friday, September 18, 2020 from MSDE
- All applications are due to MSDE by October 2, 2020
- Six required elements of each application

# Education Stabilization Fund Program ESSER

## Requirements:

1. Brief summary of the grantee's reopening plan.
2. Description of the students that will return to in-person learning by the start of the second quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. Please include the student groups, the process for identifying the student groups, and the reason a particular student group was selected to return to in-person learning.
3. Number of students by grade level and the number of schools in the system that will be open for in-student learning by the start of the second quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. Please describe the process/model for delivering in-person learning to these students.
4. Timeline for returning all students to in-person learning.
5. LSS's plan for meeting the equitable services requirement in Section 18005 of the CARES Act.
6. Overview of the grantee's planned use of the Reopening Schools Incentive Grant funds, including the timeline for implementing activities funded through this grant.

# Reopening Schools Incentive Grant

## Requirement 2 - Description of Student Groups Returning

- **Special Education Regional Programs:** Students enrolled in COMPASS and SAIL programs
- **Head Start:** Students enrolled in our Head Start program
- **Grades Pre-K, K, 6, 9:** All enrolled students in these grade bands to be provided an orientation day in the last week of September before the second marking period begins
- **Grades 1 and 12:** All enrolled students in the previous group plus students in 1st grade and 12th grade.
- **All Students Prek- 12:** All enrolled students will be provided the opportunity to return to school two days a week in the hybrid model

# Reopening Schools Incentive Grant

**Requirement 3 - Number of Students Returning**

**Requirement 4 - Timeline for all students returning**

Numbers reflect total enrollment. Surveys indicate 25% may elect to continue virtually.

Beginning Date In-Person	Program/Grade	Students (cumulative)
October 7	Special Education Regional Programs	203 students
October 28 (orientation) October 29 (orientation)	Head Start, Grades: Pre-K, K, 6, 9	(4472) 4,985 students
November 2	Grades: Pre-K, K, 1, 6, 9, 12	(2,809) 7,174 students
November 16	All Students	(10,215) 17,398 students

# Reopening Schools Incentive Grant

## Requirement 5 - Equitable services

- Non-Public Schools “Intent to Participate” for use of the CARES Act – ESSER Funds has been received.
- Consultation Affirmation forms are in place for all interested non-public schools.
- Actively communicating with the local non-public schools to ensure that the equitable services requirement of Section 18005 of the CARES Act is in compliance.
- Estimated allocation of \$9,453

# **Reopening Schools Incentive Grant**

## **Requirement 6 - Planned use of funds**

**Additional support to the Technology and Broadband Grants previously received:**

- Dell Laptops \$212,287**
- Kajeet data service plans \$50,000**

# October 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	6	7	8	9
		Select Regional Programs		
12	13	14	15	16
Select Regional Programs				
19	20	21	22	23
Select Regional Programs				
26	27	28	29	30
		Orientation Day 1 Head Start, Pre K, K, 6, 9 Group A	Orientation Day 1 Head Start, PreK, K, 6, 9 Group B	
Select Regional Programs				End of MP 1



# November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <b>Group A</b> Elem - PK, K, 1 Middle - 6 High - 9, 12	3  Election Day	4 <b>Group A</b> Elem - PK, K, 1 Middle - 6 High - 9, 12	5 <b>Group B</b> Elem - PK, K, 1 Middle - 6 High - 9, 12	6 <b>Virtual</b>
9 <b>Group A</b> Elem - PK, K, 1 Middle - 6 High - 9, 12	10 <b>Group B</b> Elem - PK, K, 1 Middle - 6 High - 9, 12	11  Veterans' Day	12 <b>Group B</b> Elem - PK, K, 1 Middle - 6 High - 9, 12	13 <b>Virtual</b>
16 <b>Group A</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	17 <b>Group B</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	18 <b>Group A</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	19 <b>Group B</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	20 <b>Virtual</b>
23 <b>Group A</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	24 <b>Group B</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	25  Thanksgiving	26  Thanksgiving	27  Thanksgiving

# December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Group A</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	<b>1 Group B</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	<b>2 Group A</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	<b>3 Group B</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	<b>4 Virtual</b>
<b>7 Group A</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	<b>8 Group B</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	<b>9 Group A</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	<b>10 Group B</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	<b>11 Virtual</b>
<b>14 Group A</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	<b>15 Group B</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	<b>16 Group A</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	<b>17 Group B</b> Elem - PK-5 Middle - 6, 7, 8 High - 9, 10, 11, 12	<b>18 Virtual</b>
<b>21</b> Winter Break	<b>22</b> Winter Break	<b>23</b> Winter Break	<b>24</b> Winter Break	<b>25</b> Winter Break

# SMCPS Return to Play

**Michael A. Watson, Director of Facility Coordination,  
Health and Physical Education, and Athletics**

# MPSSAA/MSDE Announcements

- June 11 - Outdoor participation approved
- June 23 - COMAR waivers approved by State BOE
- July 14 - Conditioning and Weight Training
- August 3 - Postponed 2020 Fall/Winter seasons

# MPSSAA/MSDE Announcements

- September 11 - Two semester plan approved by MPSSAA, MSDE, PSSAM
- September 17 - Start of Fall Sports presented to PSSAM - 9/23 start for Fall Sports
- September 18 - Start of Fall Sports presented to the 24 local Directors of Athletics - 9/23 start for Fall Sports

# MPSSAA/MSDE Announcements

- September 23 - Start of Fall Sports presented to PSSAM - 10/7 start for Fall Sports
- September 24 - Governor and State Superintendent announced new options for high school sports that includes a first available practice date of October 7th

# Return to Play Committee

- Part of the requirements of the Maryland Together, Maryland's Recovery Plan for Education
- Return to Play (RTP) Committee Members (20 members)
  - SMCPS Administrative and Supervisory Staff
  - Athletic Directors and Coaches
  - SMCHD Health Officer and Staff
  - Athletic Trainers, and experts in sports medicine
- Developed the RTP section of the SMCPS Recovery Plan

# Return to Play Committee (cont.)

June 23rd - First Meeting of RTP Committee

- Met at least weekly through August 18, 2020
- Discussed options based on MPSSAA/MSDE updates and announcements

Developed

- SMCPS Summer Student Participation Procedures
- SMCPS Athletics First Semester Plan
- SMCPS Athletics First Semester Procedures



# Return to Play Committee (cont.)

## SMCPS Summer Student Participation Plan/Procedures

- Conducted summer outdoor conditioning at each of the three high schools
  - July 13, 2020 - August 20, 2020
  - Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
  - Most days had 75-150 student participants at each school

# Return to Play Committee (cont.)

## SMCPS Athletics First Semester Plan/Procedures

- Defined Sports Seasons for First Semester
  - Spring Sports - September 21 - October 23
  - Fall Sports - October 26 - December 4
  - Winter Sports - December 7 - January 28
- Sports will have SMCPS inter-school scrimmages during the last two weeks of their five week season

SMCPS would engage in the MPSSAA Second Semester Competition Season

# Return to Play Meeting

September 25th - Meeting of RTP Committee

- Met to discuss the latest announcement from MSDE
- Discussed the two options:
  - Two Semester Plan - currently approved by MSDE
    - SMCPS First Semester Engagement Plan
    - MPSSAA Second Semester Competition Season
  - Option of starting October 7th with Fall Sports
- Discussed the impact this may have on SMCPS, SMAC, and MPSSAA

# Local School System Options

## October 7 Option

### MPSSAA Competition Season

Fall: Oct 7 - Dec 12

Winter: Dec 14 - Feb 27

Spring: March 15 - June 5

## Two Semester Plan

### SMCPS First Semester

Spring: Sept 21 - Oct 23

Fall: Oct 26 - Dec 4

Winter: Dec 7 - Jan 28

### MPSSAA Second Semester

Winter: Feb 1 - March 27

Fall: March 15 - May 8

Spring: April 26 - June 19

# Local School System Options

## October 7 Option

- Weeks of Competition
  - Fall 7
  - Winter 8
  - Spring 9
- Overlap of Seasons
  - Fall \*1 week possible
  - Winter None
  - Spring None
- Culminating Event or Tournament

## Two Semester Plan

- Weeks of Competition
  - Fall 5 (+2 scrimmages)
  - Winter 5 (+2 scrimmages)
  - Spring 5 (+2 scrimmages)
- Overlap of Seasons
  - Fall 2 weeks
  - Winter 2 weeks
  - Spring 2 weeks
- Culminating Event or Tournament

# Impact

- Local Impact
  - First Semester Engagement Plan
  - Spring Athletes impacted
  - Facilities
- Southern Maryland Athletic Conference (SMAC)
  - Competition
  - Scheduling
- MPSSAA
  - Culminating Events/Tournaments

# Return to Play Committee

The RTP Committee supports the Two Semester Plan 16 - 1 (3 absent)

The committee's recommendation is to continue with our Two Semester Plan which includes:

- SMCPS First Semester Engagement Plan
- MPSSAA Second Semester Competition Season
  - February 1, 2021 start date as of today
  - There are earlier dates being discussed for the start of the second semester competition season across the state

# SMCPS Athletic Schedule for SY 2021

## Two Semester Plan

### SMCPS First Semester

Spring: Sept 21 - Oct 23

Fall: Oct 26 - Dec 4

Winter: Dec 7 - Jan 28

### MPSSAA Second Semester

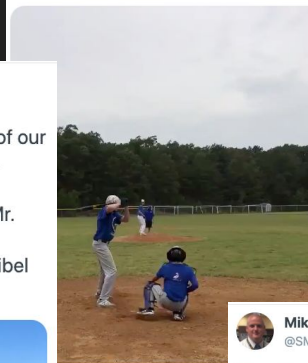
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Leonardtown Baseball  
@ltown\_baseball

First intra-squad of the fall in the books!  
It's good to be back on the diamond!



Mike Watson  
@SMCPShapeAths

GMHS spring athletes on day 3 of our first semester engagement plan. Enjoying skill development and practices on this beautiful day. Mr. Hanley (AD) ensuring safety measures are in place. As Dr. Heibel says "We Are...Great Mills"



5:58pm · 23 Sep 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

Mike Watson  
@SMCPShapeAths

Chopticon Athletics day 1 of spring sports for our first semester athletics engagement plan. Protocols in place, gorgeous day, and active and happy students and coaches.



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