

# Emergency Programs Overview

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# ESSER I

- \$216,311,158 total (March 2020)
  - 90% granted to districts (\$194,680,042) based on Title I proportions
  - 10% state level for emergency needs and administrative costs
- 12 expenditure categories [see handout]
- Equitable services to private schools\*
- Spend funds by **Sept. 30, 2022**
- Maintenance of Effort requirement



# ESSER I - District Funds

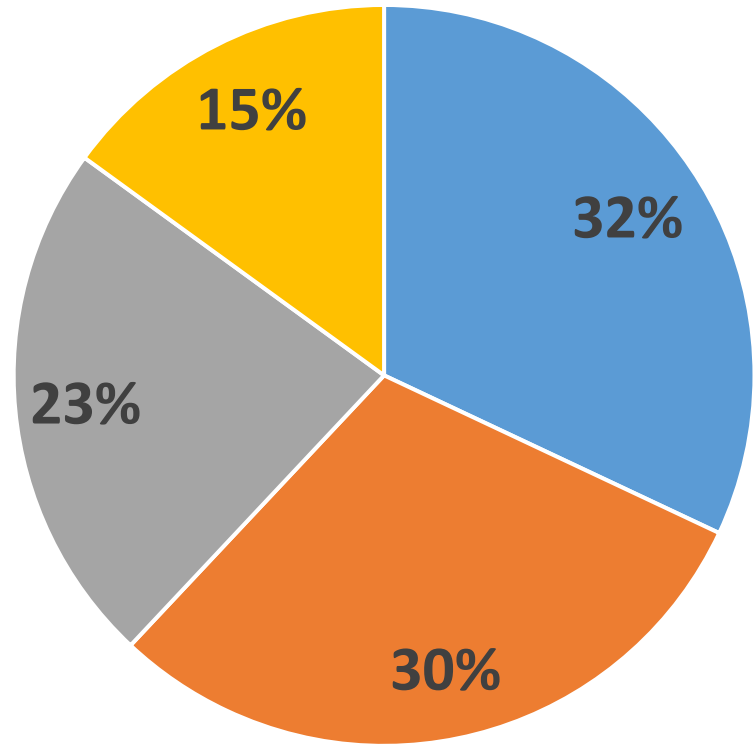
- Districts submitted application/spending plan for review/approval
- All districts have been granted funds, have approved budgets, and are claiming funds



# Monitoring and Reporting

- Quarterly reports
  - Districts submit quarterly reports, by category
  - Amounts claimed
  - Activities completed
- Monitoring [see handout]
- SCDE Reporting – required by US Dept. of Education
  - Monthly for funding
  - Annually in ESSER Annual Report

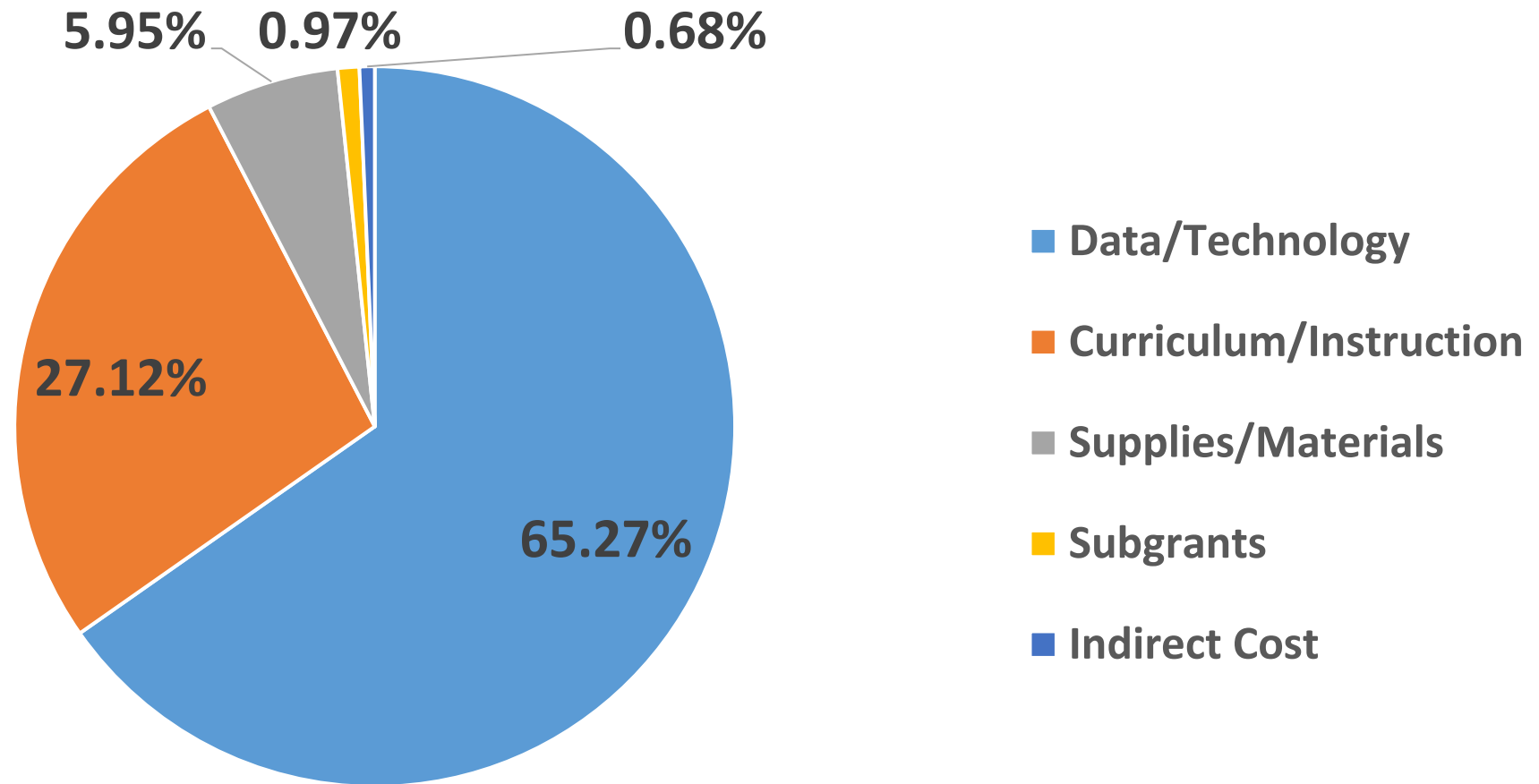
# ESSER I District Budgets



- Educational Technology
- Continuity of Operations
- Other Categories
- PPE/Cleaning



# ESSER I State Activities



State-Level Budget: \$20,549,560.00

# ESSER II

- \$940,420,782 total (December 2020)
  - 90% granted to districts (\$846,378,704) based on Title I proportions
  - 10% state level for emergency needs and administrative\* costs
- **15** expenditure categories
- No equitable services to private schools due to additional funding\*
- Spend funds by **Sept. 30, 2023**
- Maintenance of Effort requirement



# ESSER II - District Funds

- Districts must complete spending plan for review and approval
- Quarterly reports, monitoring, and reporting requirements apply as with ESSER I



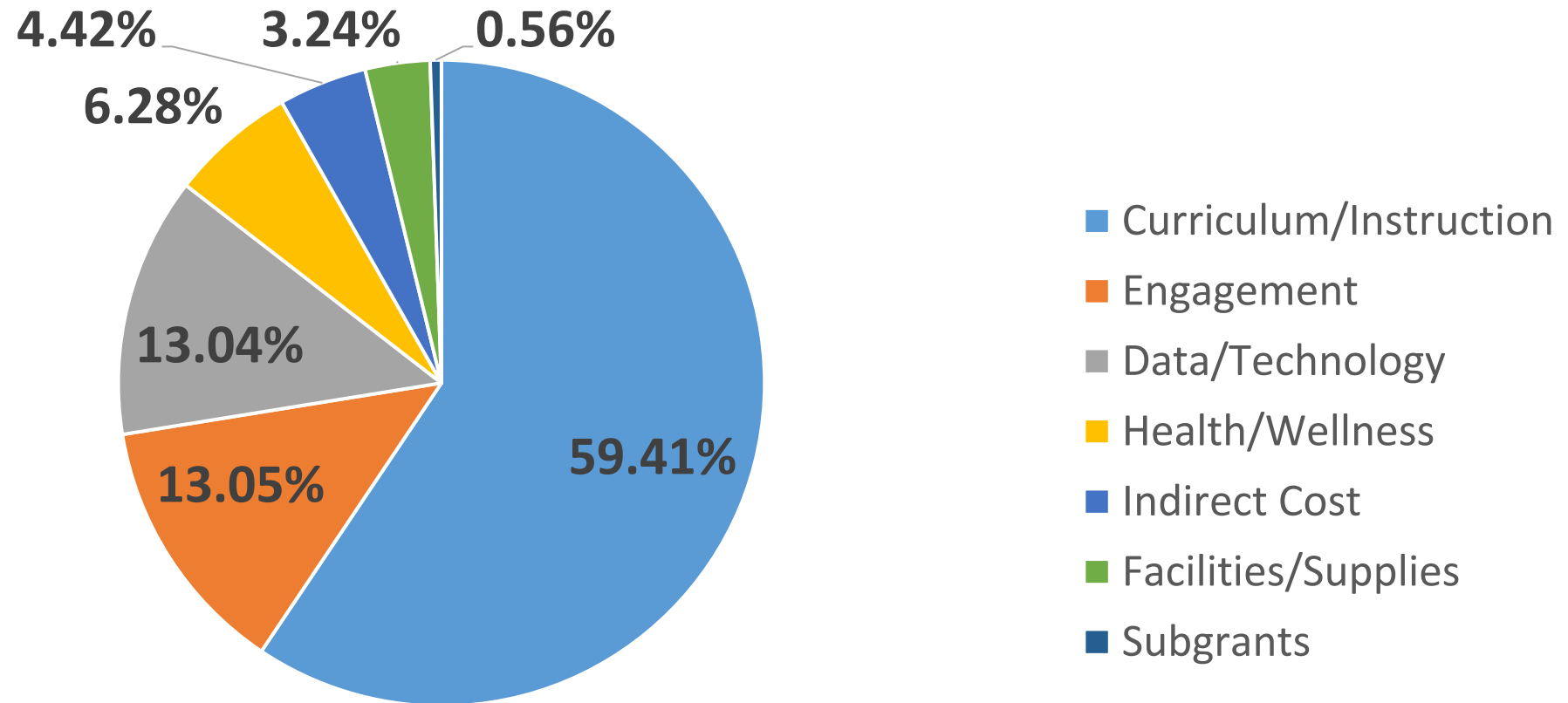


# ESSER II - District Funds, continued

- Congressional focus in new categories on:
  - Addressing Learning Loss
  - School Facility Improvements
  - Indoor Air Quality Improvements
- Reflected in district applications received to-date
  - Approximately 70% of budgeted funds on 3 new categories



# ESSER II State Activities



State-Level Budget: \$89,339,932.00

# Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS)

- Governor applied; SCDE to administer program
- Received \$39,981,327 with \$39,781,327 available to eligible private schools
  - Nonprofit, licensed, accredited, and in operation prior to March 13, 2020
  - Prioritized by poverty and need
- **12** allowable categories for services or reimbursements
- Application window March 1 – 31, 2021
- Conditional approvals or denials sent by April 30
- Spend funds by **Sept. 30, 2023**



# ESSER III Overview (ARP)

- South Carolina allocated \$2,112,051,487 ( 2/3 in March 2021)
  - 90% that must be granted to districts (\$1,900,846,338) based on Title I proportions
  - 10% kept at state level for specific uses and based on approved state plan
- Remaining 1/3 will be allocated once the state plan is approved
- Spend funds by **Sept. 30, 2024**
- Maintenance of Effort requirement



# ESSER III District Requirements

- Two components are required of districts for approval
  - Return to In-person Plan, posted online by June 24, 2021
  - ESSER III Application and Budget, due by August 24, 2021
- Both the Return to In-person plan and ESSER III budget are required to be posted on district websites
  - Districts must also have meaningful consultation and get public comment on both plans
- SCDE provided districts with templates that are able to be posted on districts websites



# ESSER III Allowable Use of Funds

- 15 allowable uses of funds
  - Similar to ESSER I and II
- Districts must spend **at least 20%** of their total allocation to address learning loss
- Same requirements for approvals, fiscal monitoring, quarterly reports, and reporting, plus additional program monitoring and oversight
- Additional reporting requirements to be determined by the US Dept. of Education



# Learning Loss - District Plan

- In the ESSER III Plan, districts must describe:
  - How they will use funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time using evidence-based interventions
  - How they will ensure that the interventions respond to the social, emotional and academic needs of all students
  - How they will ensure the interventions respond to those students most impacted by COVID-19 pandemic



# ESSER III State Plan

- Must complete and submit a comprehensive application to US Dept. of Ed.
- Of state level funds:
  - 5% (\$105,602,575) on learning loss activities
  - 1% (\$21,120,514) summer enrichment programs and initiatives
  - 1% (\$21,120,514) afterschool programs
  - Remaining amount on other emergency needs
- SCDE is collecting ongoing input from stakeholders and the general public





# Comparisons of Public Emergency Programs

| Topic                  | ESSER I   | ESSER II   | ESSER III  |
|------------------------|---|--|--|
| Enacting Legislation   | CARES Act   | CRRSA Act  | ARP Act  |
| Period of Availability | September 30, 2022                                      | September 30, 2023   | September 30, 2024   |
| Amount                 | \$216,311,158   | \$940,420,782  | \$2,112,051,487  |
| Use of Funds           | 12 allowable uses of funds                              | 15 allowable uses of funds, new uses include capital improvements and learning loss mitigation | 15 allowable uses of funds, LEAs must publish budget and in-person plan online and spend at least 20% on learning loss |
| Tracking of Funds      | Tracked separately, monitoring, reporting, and auditing | Tracked separately, monitoring, reporting, and auditing  | Tracked separately, monitoring, reporting, and auditing  |

# Additional Resources

- ESSER I Webpage: <https://ed.sc.gov/policy/federal-education-programs/esser-funding-information/>
- ESSER II Webpage: <https://ed.sc.gov/policy/federal-education-programs/esser-funding-information/esser-2-funding-information/>
- ESSER III Webpage: <https://ed.sc.gov/policy/federal-education-programs/esser-funding-information/esser-iii-funding-information/>
- EANS Webpage: <https://ed.sc.gov/policy/federal-education-programs/esser-funding-information/emergency-assistance-to-non-public-schools/>

