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Colorado School Finance Project Receives CDE Learning and Transparency Technical Assistance Grant

DENVER — The Colorado School Finance Project (CSFP) is a recipient of the Colorado Department of Education’s (CDE) Learning and Transparency Technical Assistance grant program, funded through the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund). CSFP will offer technical services to school districts and BOCES over the next two and a half years. CSFP will assist Colorado school districts and BOCES in carrying out the critical role of transparency and communication with families and communities, continued community engagement, the use of COVID relief funds, and the impact of those funds on addressing the COVID-related needs. Through this technical assistance program, CSFP can help school districts inform their families and communities about the programs being offered and how those programs are accelerating learning and recovery for their students.

The past two years have been complex and challenging for school districts as they continuously pivoted to address the ever-evolving health and economic crises. In March 2020, school districts focused on addressing the immediate needs of students and their communities before they were able to shift to provide stability and manage through the pandemic. Now school districts are focused on recovery and acceleration of learning for their students. Through the grant, field managers will work on ensuring all school districts have the technical assistance and support needed to provide details on the programs available for students and how to access them. The regional field managers will provide deeper assistance by conducting workshops and providing district-level support to help school districts meet their COVID relief fund reporting requirements.

Technical assistance will be offered through a multi-tiered approach with field managers offering targeted technical service to every school district through workshops and individual support; a project manager coordinating and reporting every school district’s COVID relief funding and of how funds were used through a transparent approach

available to the general public; and a team from Augenblick, Palaich & Associates creating best practices and tools to assist districts in communicating the impacts of the ESSER strategies.

A kick off meeting will be held in mid-April to announce further details and to launch the technical assistance services. [Click here](#) to be added to a mail list for future communications about this project.

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The Colorado School Finance Project founded in 1995, the Colorado School Finance Project (CSFP) is a non-profit whose mission is to compile, collect, and distribute research-based, non-partisan information and data on topics related to school finance for state and local policymakers.