



Our guide to finding solutions that help meet school and students' needs.

We have a dedicated team that will help you navigate **relief funding** information and applications.

We can partner with you to innovate your classroom technology – in-class and virtual – so that your schools are not only prepared for immediate challenges, but also for key 21st century skills that demand state-of-the-art solutions.



Classroom
Technology



Remote & Hybrid
Learning



STEM
Instruction



Professional
Development



MAKING THE SHIFT

EMBRACING EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

This past year has reinforced the nation’s belief that, even with limited resources, teachers are incredibly resilient and able to meet a broad array of challenges such as school closures, distance teaching, and ensuring the safety of their students in the classroom. When provided with solutions that can help make connections between *how* students are learning with *what* students are learning, teachers’ confidence improves and their instructional practice continues to enrich classroom interaction.

As education moves towards a generational change to embrace education technology, sifting through the influx of solutions can be a monumental task. Decision-makers want to use any monies they have, including **federal relief funding**, to meet instructional needs now and well into the future.

The federal government has made over **\$190 billion** available in funding to help meet learning needs including, but not limited to, provisions for –

ADDRESSING learning loss

- addressing learning loss through evidence-based interventions that respond to students’ academic, social, and emotional needs

PURCHASING education technology

- purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity as well as assistive technology or adaptive equipment)

RESOURCES for schools

- providing principals and school leaders with resources necessary to address individual school needs, homelessness, and foster care youth

ACTIVITIES for unique needs

- conducting activities to address the unique needs of students from low-income families, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth

PLANNING for closures

- planning for, coordinating, and implementing activities during long-term school closures including providing technology for online learning to all students

SUPPLEMENTAL Learning

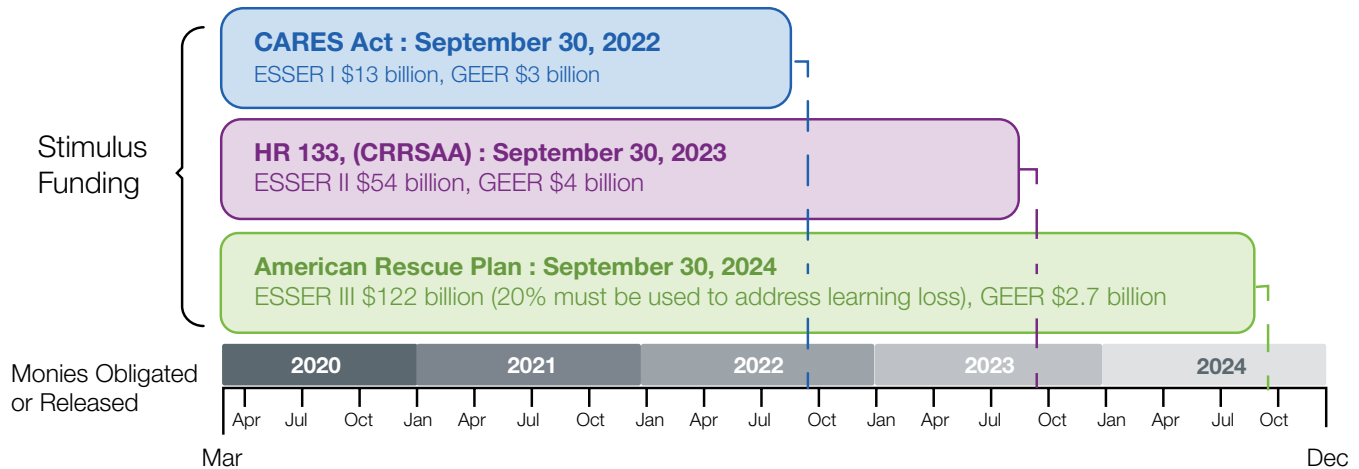
- summer learning, and supplemental after-school programs



SELECTING THE RIGHT RESOURCES AND TOOLS

Decision-makers need to make choices soon for CARES Act funding, while selections for HR 133 and the American Rescue Plan could be made concurrently to save time and energy.

Each federal funding opportunity has separate dates when monies must be obligated, or released by (see chart below). While the dates for obligated funds vary per state, most require the **Districts to report their needs by July 30, 2021**. Check your state application forms or ask your district or state grant representative. For more information on how funds are allocated by state, [click here](#).



TERMS:

CRRSAA: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act

ESSER: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

GEER: Governors Emergency Education Relief Fund

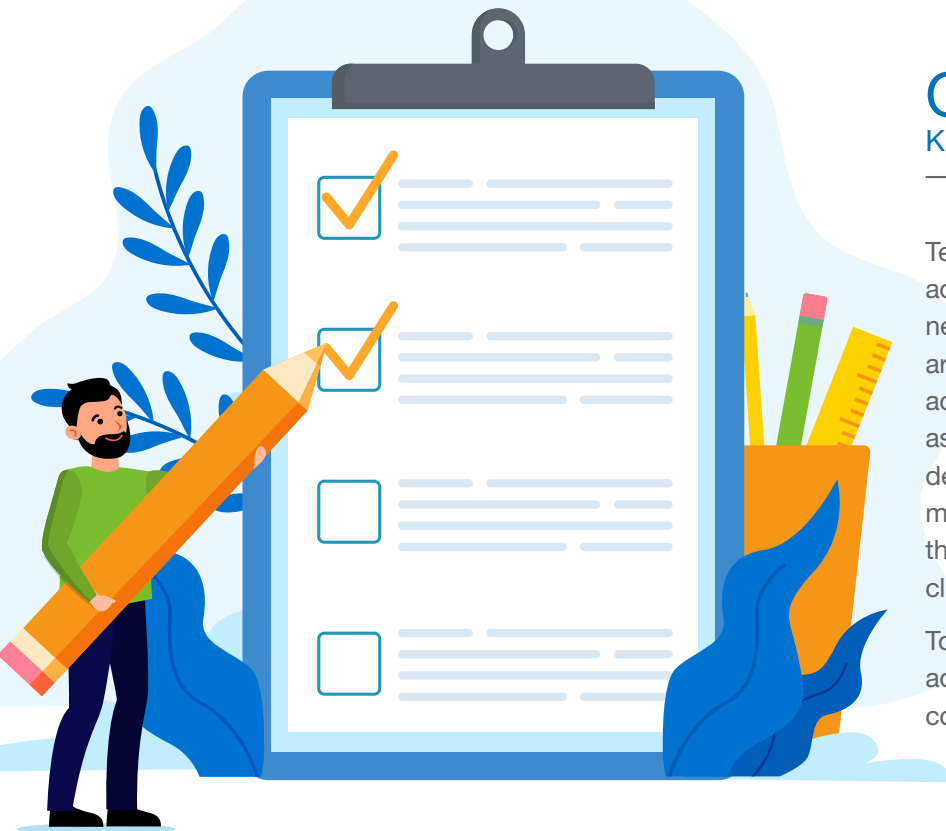


QUESTION CHECKLIST

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Teachers are the front-line workers of education. In addition to the very important PPE, teachers also need equipment and tools that cover a range of areas – instructional design, class collaboration, accessibility for students with different needs, assessment and data, STEM, and professional development. District and school decision-makers must make decisions that encompass these areas so that student learning is taking place in a ‘connected classroom’ for any situation that may come along.

To help in the decision-making process, administrators should check for these key considerations when selecting a solution:



- ✓ **Is it from a trusted brand?**
Low-cost doesn't always equate with best value. Read testimonials, case studies and success stories, and ask about industry awards.
- ✓ **Are options customizable to meet teacher needs?** Teachers should be able to use favorites – apps, lessons, materials, resources – whenever they need it without having to spend an excessive amount of time creating something new.
- ✓ **Can it work with different tech like Chromebooks, iPads, and Android devices?**
Students are digital natives who are accustomed to using a device, so connectivity is vital for teachers to facilitate instruction and for students to complete assigned tasks.
- ✓ **Does it support remote learning?** Teachers need to be prepared for any eventuality, including school closures, so remote learning capability is a must. This includes lesson creation and presentation, assessment features, and communication tools such as video conferencing and messaging.
- ✓ **Are teachers able to work from anywhere?**
Teachers want the flexibility to work from anywhere, with the ability to access their files – docs, PowerPoint, SMART Notebook, ActivInspire, G Suite, Microsoft 365 - and save to their cloud drives (Google Drive, One Drive).
- ✓ **Is training and ongoing support provided?**
To get the best return on investment, school staff needs training that helps them best use the technology features and tools. Training should be available for both live and self-paced learning, with ongoing support from digital specialists.
- ✓ **Are there ongoing subscription fees?**
Teachers shouldn't have to worry about renewing subscriptions or paying for apps. They should be able to choose from the resources available with the confidence that they can always be used without pause.
- ✓ **Can we trust that our data will be safe from outside breaches?** Teachers, students, and parents should be able to rest assured knowing that their data is protected. We recommend that you research if the company is U.S.-owned to ensure that your data is better secured against the threat of hacking.

BOXLIGHT SOLUTIONS

ALIGN WITH FUNDING GOALS & MEET DIFFERENT LEARNING NEEDS

The Boxlight mission is to support teachers in this changing educational scene by providing innovative and effective educational technology solutions, with the aim of improving learning and engagement in classrooms – whether in-class, remote, or hybrid. How can we help you with your federal funding decisions? Look at what we have to offer.



Learning Need

CARES Act, HR 133,
American Rescue Plan

Boxlight Solutions

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STEM



PURCHASING
education technology
purchasing educational
technology...



RESOURCES
for schools
providing principals
and school leaders with
resources...

MYSTEMKITS

STEM & STEAM LESSONS
From ready-to-print 3D models,
STEAM design challenges, and virtual
STEM kits, to lesson plans for the
MyBot robots and Labdisc portable
sensors, MyStemKits has everything
you need to get started using your
MimioSTEM products right away.

- 350+ Standards-Driven Lesson Plans for Grades K-12
- Aligned to NGSS, Common Core, and State Standards

MIMIO MYBOT EDUCATIONAL ROBOTICS SYSTEM

Engineering and coding prepares students for a multitude of 21st century careers.

- STEM Curriculum with Lessons and Coding Challenges
- Browser-Based Software
- 2-hour Online Training

LABDISC

PORTABLE STEM LAB

A STEM lab that can go anywhere, without complicated experiment setup.

- MyStemKits curriculum
- 2-hour Online Training
- Bluetooth Capability
- Multi-platform GlobiLab Software

ROBO 3D PRINTERS

Safe, simple, and smart 3D printers built for education.

- 3D printable STEM curriculum
- 2-hour Online Training and 3D Printing Certification

REMOTE LEARNING

Teachers will learn best practices for remote learning that will help teachers minimize the negative effects of students working from home. We also help teachers approach remote learning as an accelerator for a positive change, including instruction differentiation and personalization.

Focus: Online & remote learning

IMPLEMENTING EVIDENCE-BASED ACTIVITIES AND INSTRUCTION

This session will introduce teachers to the UDL Framework and show them how they can use digital tools to change the learning environment, provide accessibility tools, and create curriculum to meet the needs of all students—including those who are most at risk due to low-income, disability, language barriers, or unstable living conditions.

Focus: Meeting the comprehensive needs of students

CONNECTING PARENTS, FAMILY, AND STUDENTS

This training is designed to provide a common ground for schools and families and will provide school leaders with the tools to help reach families during distance learning.

Focus: Supporting students, including in a distance learning environment

TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT INSTRUCTION OF SPECIFIC GROUPS OF STUDENTS

Teachers will learn best practices for using digital tools to differentiate their instruction not only through all parts of the teaching cycle but also by creating materials that are accessible to all students.

Focus: Learning Deficits
("COVID Learning loss")

TECHNOLOGY FOR FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTION

This program will help teachers become familiar with the capabilities of all technologies they have access to in order to use them to increase student achievement.

Focus: ALL learning environments:
traditional, remote, hybrid, and blended

SUCCESSFUL ADOPTION OF MIMIOCONNECT® FOR FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTION

This training will introduce the MimioConnect platform, explore applications for both the remote and hybrid classrooms.

Focus: Traditional, remote, hybrid, and blended learning environments

IMPROVE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

These sessions will show teachers how to increase engagement by amplifying student voice using digital tools.

Focus: Distance & hybrid education



ADDRESSING
learning loss
through evidence-
based interventions...



RESOURCES
for schools
providing principals
and school leaders
with resources...



PLANNING
for closures
planning for,
coordinating, and
implementing activities
during long-term school
closures...



SUPPLEMENTAL
Learning
summer learning, and
supplemental after-
school programs...

Professional Development