

Gilmer County Schools

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Dr. Shanna Downs, Superintendent

October 2, 2020

Re: CARES Act - Notification of Equitable Services

Dear Private School Officials,

As a result of a recent US District Court Decision, the CARES Act methodology for determining private school proportionate share has changed. All LEAs are required by law to reach out to all private schools that serve students who reside in their geographic boundaries, regardless of the private school's location. In addition, calculations for proportionate share will be based on public school and private school poverty counts from fall 2018. This applies to the following grants issued in Georgia:

- CARES ESSER Formula Grants
- CARES SEA Reserve: Equitable Services
- CARES SEA Reserve: CTAE-Ag
 - Extended Day, Extended Year, Young Farmers, Area Teachers
- CARES SEA Reserve: CTE
 - Extended Day, Extended Year, Supervision, Youth Apprenticeships
- CARES SEA Reserve: Special Education

All CARES grants are intended to offset impacts related to COVID19. If your school is interested in participating in these CARES funds or if you have any additional questions, please contact Lindy Patterson at lindy.patterson@gilmerschools.com or by telephone at 706-276-5000 by **Friday**, **October 9, 2020**.

Sincerely,

Lindy Patterson

Lindy Patterson Director of Federal Programs and Title IX Coordinator Gilmer County Schools

Yes, the school is interested in participating and would like to begin consultation. Please call
to schedule a meeting.
No, the school is not interested in participating but would like to be notified of future CARES
Act SEA Reserve Opportunities.
No, the school is not interested in participating and please do not notify the school of future
CARES Act Opportunities.