


TO: Local Education Agency Superintendents

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SUBJECT: Update: Federal Funds during the Federal Government Shutdown

Federal Funds not Impacted by the Shutdown

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is providing updated information on federal funding during the federal government shutdown. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Programs (Titles I, II, III, and IV), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and Perkins funding is not impacted by the government shutdown and local education agencies (LEAs) should continue to submit monthly expenditures through the standard fiscal status report process (FSR). Additionally, LEA grants through the Comprehensive Literacy Development State Grant are also not impacted by the shutdown.

Potential Impact – School and Community Nutrition Program Grant Funds

At this time, there is a possibility that the federal school meals programs funding will be impacted by the federal government shutdown. Currently, Nutrition programs are funded through October. October claims will be paid in November. If the federal government shutdown continues through November, MSDE will seek support from the state for reimbursement claims for November. If the shutdown continues into December, LEAs may be asked to rely on available food service fund balances to support the programs until the shutdown ends.

State Actions during Federal Government Shutdown

The Governor has initiated several support programs for federal employees impacted by the shutdown. The resources are available [here](#).