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This week's [ESSER/GEER Extra](#) includes reminders about the February 28 MOEquity reporting deadline for school districts, the March 1 ARP ESSER application deadline for school districts and charter schools, and ARP ESSER office hours.

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REMINDER: School District MOEquity Submission Due by February 28

Only about 130 school districts have completed the MOEquity Interim Reporting Form in eGrants.

The deadline is Monday, February 28, 2022.

ALL school districts MUST either: 1) certify that a relevant exemption to MOEquity applies for 2021-22 OR 2) indicate that no exemption applies for 2021-22 and that the district will comply with MOEquity requirements; PDE will follow up with school districts that select option 2 to support MOEquity implementation.

The MOEquity Interim Reporting Form must be completed within the school district's ARP ESSER application in eGrants by February 28, regardless of whether the ARP ESSER application has been submitted by that date. This submission must be done under the Reporting and Guidelines section in your ARP ESSER application by following the Interim Reports link and clicking "Create." You do not need to submit supporting documentation with the certification but should maintain such documentation in case it is requested during an audit or monitoring review.

MOEquity is a new fiscal reporting requirement for both states and school districts to ensure that they are not disproportionately reducing per-pupil funding and staffing levels in schools with high percentages of low-income students. **MOEquity is a fiscal requirement; there are no specific curricular or programmatic requirements with MOEquity.**

For more information on MOEquity:

- [Access United States Department of Education \(USDE\) Guidance on the ARP Act's MOEquity Requirement](#): this resource contains detailed information from USDE on the MOEquity requirement, procedures for determination of high-poverty schools, and calculation requirements for school districts that are not exempt from the MOEquity requirement.
- [Access PDE's FAQs on MOEquity](#): this resource, along with many other issues of [ESSER/GEER Extra](#), contains FAQs regarding the ARP Act's MOEquity requirement for Pennsylvania school districts.

REMINDER: Submit Your ARP ESSER Application by March 1

There are still more than 200 school districts and charter schools that have not yet submitted their ARP ESSER applications. School districts and charter schools must submit their applications no later than March 1, 2022, to ensure that PDE has adequate time to conduct reviews and issue approvals.

Federal law requires PDE to make all ARP ESSER awards to school districts and charter schools by March 24, 2022—funds cannot be awarded to school districts or charter schools after that date; there are no exceptions.

ARP ESSER Office Hours Continue

School districts and charter schools are invited to join PDE each week during our virtual Office Hours to ask questions regarding ARP ESSER planning. Office Hours are held every **Monday from 1-2 PM** and every **Thursday from 9-10 AM through Thursday, March 17**. Advance registration is required. [Register for PDE Office Hours](#).

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