

Mar. 31, 2025

Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors,

Today I am sharing the following updates:

- [US Department of Education release and letter on FERPA and PPRA](#)
- [US Department of Education letter on COVID relief liquidation](#)
- [US Department of Education releases Dear Colleague Letter on Title I flexibilities](#)

US Department of Education release and letter on FERPA and PPRA

On March 28, the US Department of Education shared a [press release](#) about the Dear Colleague Letter reminding chief state education executives and superintendents “of their compliance obligations under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA).” You can find the full [Dear Colleague Letter on the US Department of Education website](#).

US Department of Education letter on COVID relief liquidation

On Friday, March 28, the US Department of Education sent a letter to state education agencies about a “modification to the time period to liquidate obligations under the Education Stabilization Fund, including all programs funded by the *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA, or ESSER II)* and *American Rescue Plan (ARP ESSER)* acts.” This modification set a new deadline of 5 pm on March 28, 2025. The letter includes that “the Department will consider an extension to your liquidation period on an individual project specific basis.” [Click here to read the letter in full.](#) *NOTE: CDE had previously submitted all requests prior to the deadline, as had all Colorado districts.*

US Department of Education releases Dear Colleague Letter on Title I flexibilities

The US Department of Education [put out a press release](#) about their March 31 Dear Chief State School Officer letter that describes “two important aspects of Title I, Part A (Title I) of the ESEA where States and local educational agencies (LEAs) have discretion to provide greater flexibility to support parents’ choices for their child’s education.” [The full letter is available on the US Department of Education website.](#)

Have a great week.

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