

To: Oklahoma State Department of Education:

First, thank you for your efforts to minimize the effects of the pandemic on Oklahoma and the public education system. Your leadership is appreciated!

Funds for the CARES Act are being distributed based on Title I allocations that schools in Oklahoma had for the FY20 school year. While it is understood that schools who get Title I funds throughout the year are in need of the additional funding for students with varying needs, it is hard to understand why all districts in Oklahoma are not given an equitable amount of stimulus funds to help the schools to provide the necessary needs of our students.

The links below show the amount of money that districts in Oklahoma have received in FY19 per pupil and also the amount that schools will be given through the CARES Act based on 81% of the Title I allocation. As you will see, Oklahoma does not provide equity across the board to all of our students. Many schools are provided an additional amount of funding than others. In addition, the way the stimulus funds are being distributed causes more inequity among the school districts.

[Statewide Federal Revenue Summary FY19
CARES Distribution as Proposed via Title IA Formula by District Per Pupil Ranked
High to Low FY20
FY19 Per Pupil Funding plus FY2020 CARES Funding Per Pupil](#)

Please take into consideration the needs of all students and districts in Oklahoma as future funding is provided to our schools for the education of our students. Equity is important to provide the appropriate amount of opportunities as we move forward in Oklahoma.

Attached you will find the information that are linked in this email.

Thank you for your time and efforts,

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