

TO: Commissioners, Tennessee Public Charter School Commission

FROM: Melanie Harrell, Director of Finance and Operations

DATE: September 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Funding Inter-agency Agreement

As part of the ASD application and transition process, the TDOE allocated funds from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER) to support our work. This funding was outlined in the presentation of HB0074 to the legislature and is intended to offset the need for state funding to support the transition work over FY22, FY23, and FY24. Since this revenue is meant to replace state funding, it will not change our currently approved budget by the Commission. Expenditures allocated to GEER funding will be aligned with each fiscal year's approved budget.

We've worked with TDOE staff to finalize the inter-agency agreement for the allocation of these funds, which outlines the following uses of funds:

- Salaries and benefits for staff working on the transition
- o Transition application reviewers and consulting supports
- Systems and non-professional service contracts to support transitioning ASD schools with software, student information systems, etc.
- o Costs associated with additional travel and meetings

We recommend this inter-agency agreement for approval.