


September 3, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
School District Directors of Elementary Education  
District VPK Contacts

**FROM:** Shan Goff, Executive Director 

**SUBJECT:** **COVID-19 Grants to Early Learning/Child Care Providers: Phase III**

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The Office of Early Learning is announcing Phase III grants which provide an additional \$16,886,271 in CARES Act support for Florida's early learning/child care providers.

The Phase III: Reopening Support Grants for Contracted Early Learning/Child Care Providers (CLASS Exempt and VPK Providers) will support the 3,137 School Readiness (SR) and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education providers, including CLASS Exempt contracted private providers and **public/charter school providers, that were closed on April 30, 2020, and reopened by August 31, 2020, consistent with local ordinances or restrictions and DOE approved school district reopening plans.** Funding for public/charter school providers is based on number of SR and VPK children served, not DCF capacity. A summary chart for the statewide allocations is attached.

Also attached, is the application for these funds. Districts may submit one application with a listing of eligible schools. Please contact your local early learning coalition for more information.

Cc: Jacob Oliva, K-12 Chancellor, DOE  
Mark Eggers, Bureau Chief, School Business Services, DOE  
Coalition Executive Directors  
Coalition Finance Directors

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Attachments: CARES Phase III Allocations by Provider - Statewide  
COVID-19 Grant Application: SR/VPK Provider

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