

**Brownsville Independent School District**

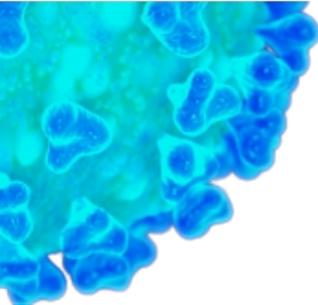
**Presentation to the School Board  
May 5, 2020**

# **COVID-19**

Updates from the  
Business & Operations Department



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# Today's Agenda



- I. CARES Act Funding
- II. COVID-19 Comparison of Expenditures and Savings
- III. District Goal – 1:1 Devices
- IV. Hot Spots on Buses
- V. Reimbursements
- VI. Upcoming Budget Workshop

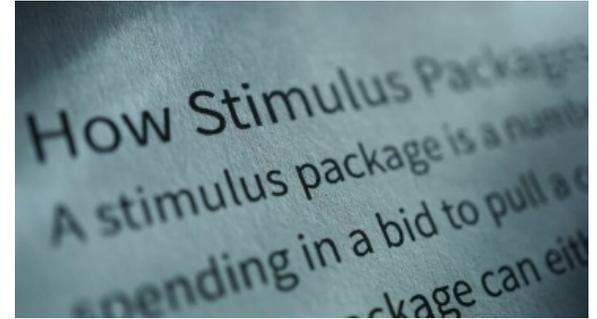
# I. Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Stimulus Funding

The CARES Act is the biggest rescue package in U.S. history with a staggering price tag of \$2 trillion.

Intent and purpose -

- \* prevent,
- \* prepare for, and
- \* respond to the coronavirus.

Allocation for each district is based on 90% of the K-12 formula grant program.  
(BISD = \$21 million)



# I. CARES Act Stimulus Funding

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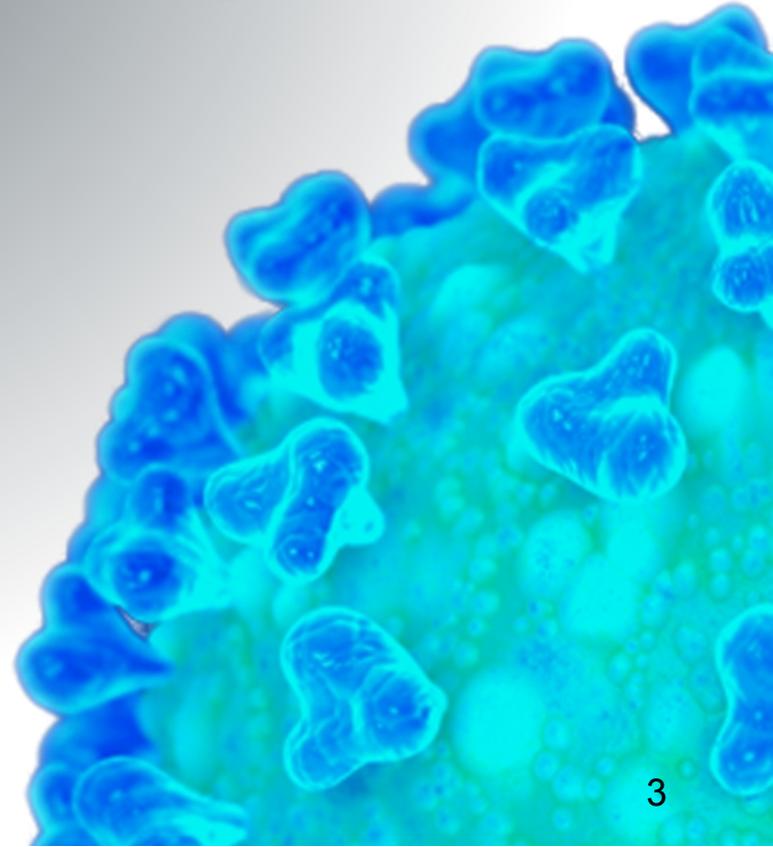
TEA will release guidance, preliminary allocations, and a formula grant application after the United States Department of Education (USDE) makes the state award to TEA.

This funding may have additional restrictions placed on it when it is released and may be used to help offset reductions in state funding caused by the pandemic.

**Good news!** Preliminary guidance provided indicates the following will be allowable under this grant:

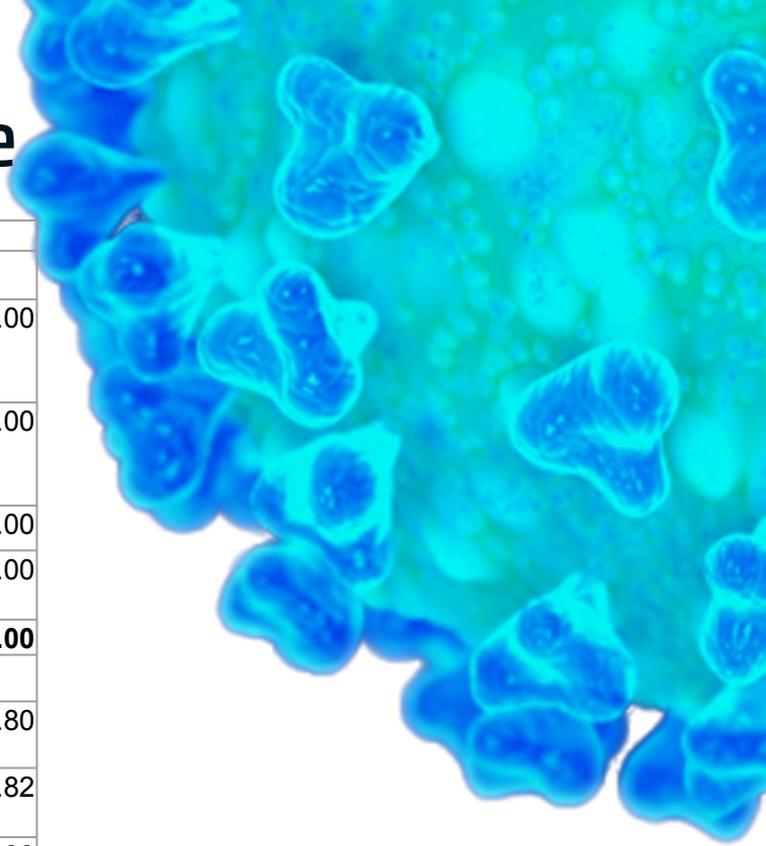
- \* technology,
- \* hot spots for internet service,
- \* costs for distance learning,
- \* cleaning of buildings to include staff time and supplies.

*Source: TEA Guidance, Coronavirus Costs and CARES Act Funding and Documentation, April 14, 2020.*



## II. COVID-19 Expenditures to Date

Item	Description	Budget Expenditures	Budget Expenditures	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Salaries	Time and ½ pay for essential staff and classified staff	\$0.00	\$1,142,989.00	-\$1,142,989.00
Supplies	Cleaning supplies, masks, gloves, hand sanitizer	\$0.00	\$523,990.00	-\$523,990.00
Equipment	Clorax 360	\$0.00	\$250,705.00	-\$250,705.00
Internet Use Teacher	Wi-Fi Incentive	\$0.00	\$630,000.00	-\$630,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,547,684.00</b>	<b>-\$2,547,684.00</b>
<b>SAVINGS</b>				
Fuel Costs	Daily transportation	\$934,836.28	\$583,103.48	\$351,732.80
Transp. Department	Overtime (no field trips)	2,651,171.59	\$1,872,064.77	\$779,106.82
Field Trips	Cancelled for this year	\$0.00	\$462,946.00	\$462,946.00
Travel	Staff	\$0.00	\$38,099.00	\$38,099.00
Travel	Students	\$350,000.00	\$0.00	\$350,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,936,007.87</b>	<b>\$2,956,213.25</b>	<b>\$1,981,884.62</b>
Net Difference				-\$565,799.38



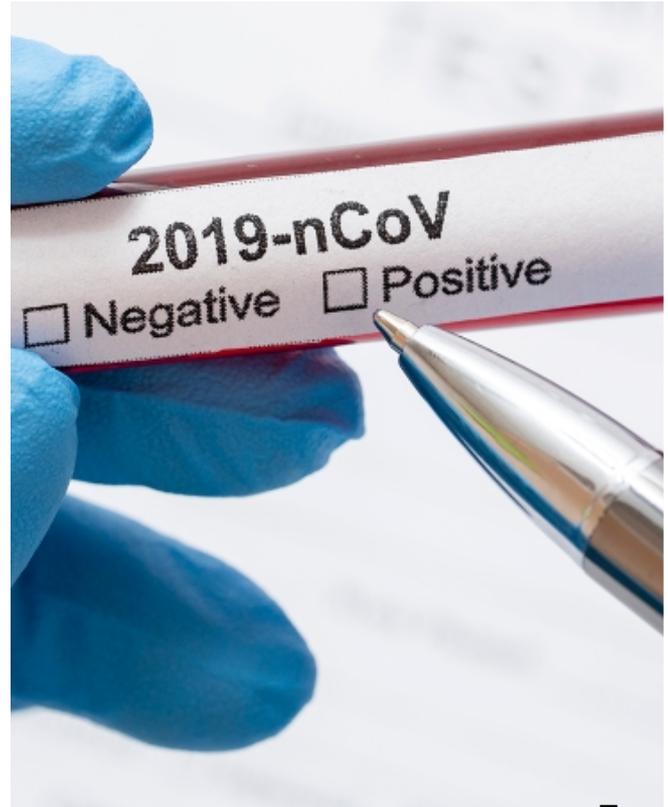
### III. District Goal – 1:1 Devices

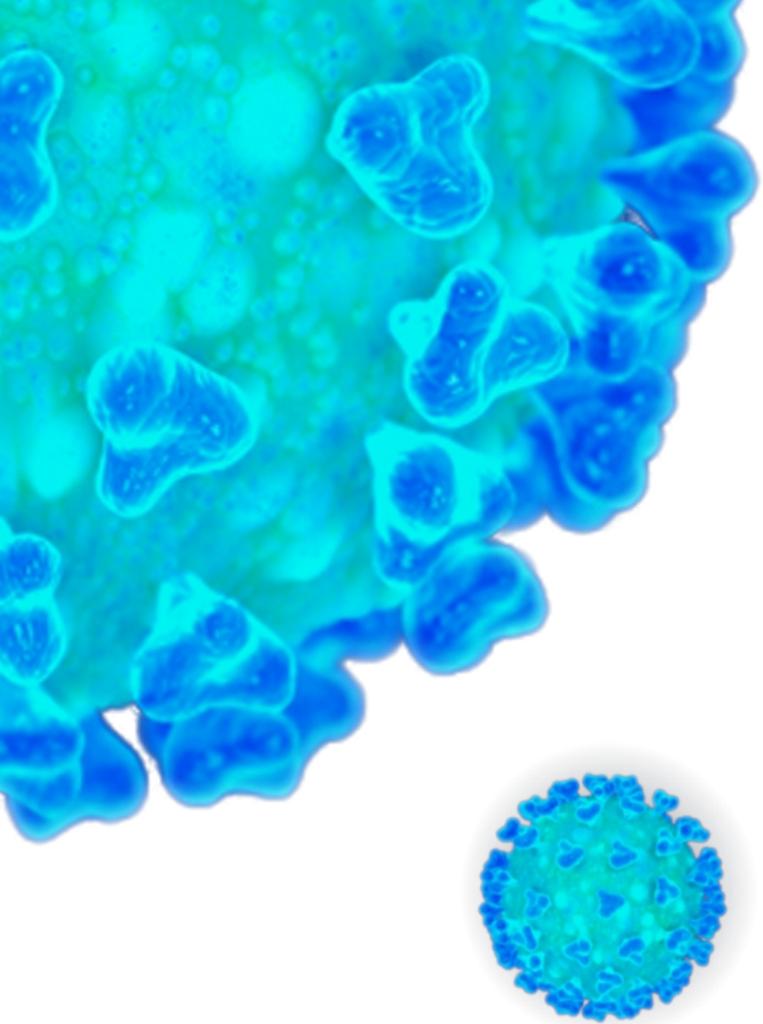
COVID-19 provided us an opportunity to evaluate the need to provide 1:1 devices to each student.

State resources (i.e. textbooks and assessments) are moving to digital platforms.

BISD recognizes the need to be prepared for today and for tomorrow

Collecting data from each campus and will purchase Chromebooks





## IV. Hot Spots on Buses

We are listening!

Currently identifying “higher need locations”

Initial request to purchase 20 hotspots included in today’s board agenda

Planning for long-term

# V. Reimbursements

Two sources:

1) Federal Emergency Management Agency  
(FEMA)

- \* 75%

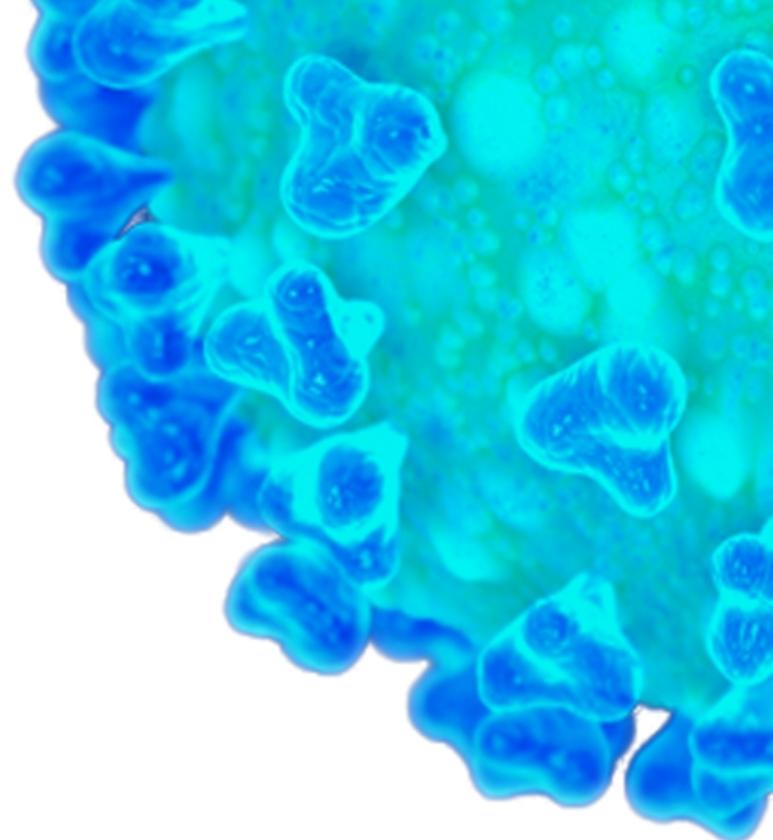
- \* Unknown timeline

2) Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security  
(CARES) Act Stimulus Funding

- \* Awaiting additional guidance and restrictions

from

the Texas Education Agency



# VI. Upcoming Budget Workshop



Includes the following:

1) TASB Salary and Staffing

Recommendations

2) Tax rate calculations

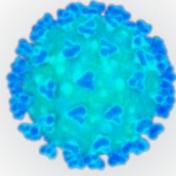
3) Timelines

4) Insurance Summary of



Finances

Goal - Present a balanced budget



# THANKS!

Thanks for your continued support!

Questions?

