

Accelerating TN ESSER Steering Committee

Introductory Meeting Notes: June 18, 2021

2:00pm

Greetings and Opening Comments, Commissioner Schwinn

The Commissioner offered welcome remarks to the Committee, thanked members for their participation and time, and explained the purpose and intention of the committee. Additionally, she outlined expectations and opportunities for meaningful engagement.

2:15-2:30

Introductions, Committee Members

Each member introduced themselves by sharing their name, organization, role, and connection to the work moving forward.

2:30-2:45

ESSER Overview: Funds and Planning, Commissioner Schwinn

The Commissioner gave a brief review of ESSER funds to date, sharing the amount of funding available to both districts and the state. She offered a high-level overview of the district expectations for reporting, monitoring, and strategic spending. Further, she emphasized the opportunity and need for essential planning supports and partnerships for districts' workload within a limited timeframe.

2:45-2:55

Standard Meeting and Practice, Committee Members

Members provided initial input answering the following two questions:

- What information do you need to best participate in this committee?
- How do you see your role supporting districts and school communities in this work?

Committee members emphasized the importance of bridging gaps and sharing information within the full ecosystem. Further, there was a strong desire to have significant data available in August on student achievement broken down by demographics as well as an analysis of trends in spending, strategies, and statewide progress.

2:55-3:00

Synthesis of Next Steps, Emma McCallie

Participants were reminded of the upcoming pre-work, materials, and first full quarterly August meeting.