



I want to express my condolences to any of you who have family or friends who passed away due to the COVID-19 virus.



Secretary DeVos Makes Available Over \$13 Billion in Emergency Coronavirus Relief to Support Continued Education for K-12 Students.

"WASHINGTON — U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced today that more than \$13.2 billion in emergency relief funds are now available to state and local education agencies to support continued learning for K-12 students whose educations have been disrupted by the coronavirus. This funding is allocated by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which was signed by President Donald J. Trump less than a month ago. Education leaders will have the flexibility to use funds from the Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief Fund (ESSER Fund) for immediate needs, such as tools and resources for distance education, ensuring student health and safety, and developing and implementing plans for the next school year."

"The Department implemented a streamlined process for states to apply for and receive this critical funding by cutting red tape and removing unnecessary delays. SEAs have until **July 1, 2020**, to apply for ESSER funds by submitting a simple signed Certification and Agreement form to ESSER@ed.gov. The Department intends to process each submitted form within three business days of receipt. For more information, [click here](#)."

The above is repeated from the U.S. Department of Education web site. To read the full report, please go to: [Federal Funds for K-12](#)

More information is also available from our web site at: <https://helpme2learn.com/school/title1> . Please let us know if you need any documentation or help when applying for Title 1 funds or any grant.

We continue to offer a free subscription to Super Star Online to schools affected by the school closures. More information and an application is available at: [School Closures](#) .

Preparing for the New School Year (and Possible School Closures)

As you plan for the new school year, I would like to make some suggestions. Hopefully, schools will reopen at the normal time of year and you will be able to meet with parents at a back-to-school



night. I hope that we will have a normal school year, but there is a possibility that the COVID-19 virus may return along with the normal flu season. I expect that many of you plan to be better prepared to return to distance learning, should it become necessary.

A partnership between parents (please understand that I use the term “parent” loosely to mean any caregiver to the child), teachers and schools has always been important, but my understanding is that an active partnership has been difficult for most. *It is now more important than ever.*

Meeting with parents might now include evaluating the parent’s availability, capability, and willingness to help their child with distance learning. These topics might include:

Availability to help their child with distance learning: How the current stay-at-home order has affected the parents? Are they working more hours because they are in work that is needed, or are they unemployed or working from home? One of the best things you can do is establish lines of communication. How should they contact you and what are the best ways to contact them. Create a web site for your class, if possible.

- Super Star Online is designed to be self-paced and supplemental education that requires very little help from the teacher or the parent. Once a course is started, teachers or parents need to monitor the student progress to see if the course is appropriate for the student. If the student seems lost, is making too many mistakes, or seems to be guessing; then maybe lower-level course might be more appropriate. This can be determined by observing the student or by looking at the detailed progress report from the Super Star page. Teachers can view the reports from the Student Management section of each course.

Capability to help their child with distance learning: Does the home have a high-speed internet connection, a computer or device needed to connect to distance learning? Do they have a printer where they can print materials. Do the parents understand technology enough to help their child connecting to the distance learning? Are the parents able to understand the lessons and work given to their child?

- Super Star Online makes the lessons available to both the parent and child in a short and easy to understand lessons give the parent a way to understand the lessons. Parents are encouraged to view the lessons with the child and help explain the lesson as needed and let the student do the work. Teachers are encouraged to explain this to the parents.

Willingness to help their child with distance learning: The attitude of the some parents has always been a challenge. It seems that some parents feel that it is not their role to teach their child.

Hopefully, this crisis will change that thinking so that more parents will become actively involved in supporting education in the home. Hopefully, more parents will read to and with their child, and make sure that the child completes their distance learning lessons.

Regrettably, some parents don’t have the patience or temperament to do this. In these cases, it might be best to try to find another family member to take this role.

- We hope that the courses of Super Star Online will make distance learning more fun and enjoyable for both the parent and the child. Parents should allow students to make mistakes and repeat the games and activities as needed to complete that game or activity to

the gold star level.

Common Grade Levels for Super Star Online Courses:

Grade	Course Titles
Pre-K	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letters and Numbers *• Silly Pictures *
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letters and Numbers *• Silly Pictures *• Beginning Reading with Phonics *• Silly Sentences *• Phonics 1a - Vowel Sounds *• Phonics 1b - Consonant Sounds *• Spanish 1a with Phonics• Inglés 1a con Fonética
First Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beginning Reading with Phonics *• Silly Sentences *• Phonics 1a - Vowel Sounds *• Phonics 1b - Consonant Sounds *• Phonics 2a - Intermediate Level *• Spanish 1a with Phonics• Inglés 1a con Fonética• Games of Math 1 - Addition & Money *• Games of Math 2 - Subtraction & More
Second Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phonics 2a - Intermediate Level *• Phonics 2b - Intermediate Level II• Spanish 1a with Phonics• Inglés 1a con Fonética• Games of Math 1 - Addition & Money *• Games of Math 2 - Subtraction & More• Games of Math 3 - Multiplication
Third Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phonics 2b - Intermediate Level II• Language Arts Review 3a - Advanced Level• Language Arts Review 3b - Advanced Level II• Games of Math 1 - Addition & Money *• Games of Math 2 - Subtraction & More• Games of Math 3 - Multiplication
Fourth Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phonics 2b - Intermediate Level II• Language Arts Review 3a - Advanced Level• Language Arts Review 3b - Advanced Level II• Games of Math 3 - Multiplication

Fifth Grade and higher

- Games of Math 4 – Division & Fractions
- Language Arts Review 3a – Advanced Level
- Language Arts Review 3b – Advanced Level II
- Games of Math 3 – Multiplication
- Games of Math 4 – Division & Fractions

- **Note:** * also compatible on iPad and Android

Language Arts Review 3a – Advanced Level, Language Arts Review 3b – Advanced Level, Games of Math 3 – Multiplication and Games of Math 4 – Division & Fractions all feature our young adult characters so they will be appropriate for older ESL students, older special needs students and older students who are still struggling.

Help for our Customers

These are challenging times for everyone, but the Coronavirus has made the job of educating kids so much more difficult. We don't know how long this will go on. The hope of opening schools this school year seems dim.

We are proud that we can help schools and parents provide online education for their kids. We want to help. For all of our current customers, we are rolling back our pricing to last year's pricing (\$4 per user, per year) for subscriptions for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

For those who have accepted our 60-day free subscription, we are extending the free subscription to June 30, 2020.

We now offer a free subscription to Super Star Online for **schools**, good until June 30, 2020, from our web site at: <https://helpme2learn.com/school/online> . [Request for a free subscription to Super Star Online for my school](#)

For **parents**, we offer a 30-day free trial of Super Star Online from our home and homeschool web site at: <https://superstarphonics.com> .

If there is anything we can do to help, please let us know.

Please accept my best wishes for you, your family and your kids during this difficult time.

- Dan

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"Your Kids will Love Learning
with Super Star"

The illustration shows a group of diverse children. On the left, a boy with glasses and a girl are reading books, with a stack of colorful books below them. In the center, a girl is holding a red book. On the right, a boy is riding a bicycle, a girl is roller skating, and another boy is on a skateboard.

