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Greetings, grantees -

The Department has made two updates to the Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document, which is available for your review at this link: [Maintenance of Equity FAQs](#).

Update 1: Question 17 (a) – Use of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) and Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) in MOEquity determinations

This update clarifies that CRF or SLFRF may be considered as State support for education for the purposes of Maintenance of Equity, consistent with the determination already published in the Maintenance of Effort FAQs.

Update 2: Question 30 – Calculating LEA-Level Fiscal Equity

This update provides clarity and additional flexibility for local educational agencies (LEAs) making determinations about whether staffing equity was maintained in high-poverty schools by allowing LEAs to choose from the following four methods:

- (1) a districtwide staff per student basis,
- (2) a grade span staff per student basis,
- (3) a districtwide student per staff basis, or
- (4) a grade span student per staff basis.

The Department has also clarified rounding procedures for each type of calculation to ensure consistency across submissions. To further support States, the Office of State and Grantee Relations has developed this optional [template](#) to assist in the submission of staffing equity data. If your State has not yet submitted this data because you were awaiting the template, please contact your program officer through the State mailbox, [State name].OESE@ed.gov, and provide the date when you plan to publish the outstanding data on the SEA website.

Upon receiving your data, your program officer will reach out to you to confirm receipt and to follow up with any questions, as needed. Thank you for your continuing attention to the maintenance of equity requirements.

In partnership,

The Office of State and Grantee Relations