

To: Superintendents and Principals

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Subject: FEMA Public Assistance Interim Guidance

This week, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued guidance on eligible emergency work for the FEMA Public Assistance Program. This guidance makes changes to the FEMA Public Assistance program and eligible work projects. New guidance can be found [here](#) and impacts all work conducted on or after September 15, 2020.

At this time, we are still awaiting clarification from FEMA regarding how their new guidance on eligible emergency work will impact the State of Indiana and the applicants in this disaster. We will be receiving more specific, written guidance from our FEMA Regional contacts. Once this has been developed, we will make sure it is shared with all applicants.

If your school has submitted a project application and you're waiting on an eligibility determination, it's recommend that schools check the Grants Portal regularly to make sure you're not overlooking any tasks that may have been assigned to your organization. FEMA will occasionally request additional documentation for a project, and the first notification an applicant will get is usually in the Grants Portal.

Schools should continue to work closely with their assigned DCMC Partners contact on their FEMA Public Assistance grant. If your school needs to be connected with your DCMC Partners contact, please reach out to Stephen Balko at sbalko@doe.in.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Balko at 317-232-4914 or e-mail at sbalko@doe.in.gov.