## Attention: Superintendents, School Boards, Plant Managers, Teachers, Nurses and Parents

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## **US Department of Education**

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA), was signed into law on December 27, 2020 and provides an additional \$54.3 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II Fund).

- ❖ Approximately \$1,000 per student
- One-time, non-recurring funding!
- However, the Assoc. of School Business Officers estimates \$496 per student are recurring costs
- And worse, "our kids come home smelling like chemicals"



We need to think differently NOW, before Federal Aid Runs Out! We need to answer the question, how will we <u>maintain</u> safer and cleaner schools?!

- Like all forms of emergency or recovery act legislation, funding will run out
- Much of the guidance surrounding ESSER II funding recommends new thinking and planning for school models, mental health, more education technology which is fine but . . .

## But here is the cold, hard truth:

- Students cannot return to schools until there is a sustainable and feasible solution for disinfecting
- District budgets for increased disinfecting 'chemicals' and janitorial services will be eye opening!
- The safety and cost of shipping pallets of 'chemicals' to schools every week is not SUSTAINBLE

While I was quick to take 'guidance' from experts, I was always left thinking . . . that's it? Well here is some guidance you can use:

<u>Learn about hypochlorous acid</u> (a.k.a. electrolyzed water). A solution recommended by the Green Schools Initiative and used in hundreds of K-12 schools and universities.

- 1. Know that you can deploy on-site generators to create an 'always available' supply of disinfectant at a cost of 70 cents per gallon compared to \$2.90 to over \$18 per gallon for other leading brands
- Electrolyzed Water is called "Nature's Germ Killer" because it is produced in our bodies to fight infection. It is an EPA, CDC and FDA approved disinfectant and for use in food preparation.



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