

1 Sponsored by: Councilmembers Derek Young and Connie Ladenburg
2 Requested by: County Council

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8 **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-87**

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13 **An Emergency Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Establishing a**
14 **Program to Provide Financial Assistance to Schools in**
15 **Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; Stating Funding**
16 **Intent; Establishing a Sunset Date; and Declaring an**
17 **Emergency.**
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19 **Whereas**, COVID-19 is a contagious and potentially deadly virus that has been
20 declared a pandemic event by the World Health Organization; and
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22 **Whereas**, President Trump, Governor Inslee, and Executive Dammeier have
23 each declared states of emergency within their respective jurisdictions; and
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25 **Whereas**, in response to the pandemic, public school districts throughout Pierce
26 County are implementing distance learning and other practices to help protect the
27 health of students, school staff, and the public during the 2020-21 school year; and
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29 **Whereas**, there are 17 public school districts and one tribal school in Pierce
30 County; and
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32 **Whereas**, based upon October 1, 2019 enrollment data, it is estimated that more
33 than 135,000 K-12 public school students reside in Pierce County; and
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35 **Whereas**, Chief Leschi Schools, also located in Pierce County, has an
36 approximate student enrollment of 600; and
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38 **Whereas**, there are also 33 state approved private schools and one state
39 approved charter school in Pierce County; and
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1 **Whereas**, 2018-2019 enrollment data from the Washington State Board of
2 Education indicates the K-12 student enrollment at approved private schools in Pierce
3 County is approximately 7,700; and
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5 **Whereas**, the October 1, 2019, student enrollment of Summit Olympus charter
6 school, located in Pierce County, is 183; and
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8 **Whereas**, supporting the ability of schools to modify operational practices and
9 educational approaches to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic helps to protect the
10 public health, safety, and welfare while supporting the economy today and in the future;
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13 **Whereas**, Pierce County has received federal funding from the CARES Act to
14 use in its response to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and
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16 **Whereas**, the U.S. Department of Treasury’s CARES Act guidance to state,
17 territorial, local, and tribal governments indicates that expenses to facilitate distance
18 learning, including technological improvements, in connection with school closings to
19 enable compliance with COVID-19 precautions are allowable uses of CARES Act funds;
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22 **Whereas**, the Pierce County Council wishes to make CARES Act funding
23 available to certain school providers in Pierce County; **Now Therefore**,

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25 **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**
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27 Section 1. There is hereby created the Pierce County COVID-19 School
28 Assistance Program administered by the Finance Department. The purpose of this
29 program is to protect the public health and economy threatened by the COVID-19
30 pandemic by providing funds to K-12 schools located in Pierce County. Public school
31 districts, tribal schools, Washington State Board of Education approved private schools,
32 and Washington State Charter Commission approved charter schools having campuses
33 located in Pierce County (hereafter referred to as “eligible school providers”) shall be
34 eligible to receive funds under the program. For purposes of the program, the list of
35 eligible school providers is set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and
36 incorporated herein by reference.
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1 Section 2. The total value of all funds allocated through the Pierce County
2 COVID-19 School Assistance Program shall not exceed \$5,500,000. The source of
3 funding shall be the CARES Act funding previously authorized to be deployed for Public
4 Health Emergency Response pursuant to Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2020-60. Funding
5 is allocated to eligible school providers in the amounts set forth in Exhibit A. Exhibit A
6 also sets forth the methodology used to determine the allocation for each eligible school
7 provider.

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9 Section 3. Eligible school providers wishing to receive funding under the COVID-
10 19 School Assistance Program must enter into an agreement with Pierce County in a
11 form approved by the Finance Department. At a minimum, the eligible school provider
12 receiving funds must agree to: 1) use the funds to support its response to the COVID-19
13 public health emergency; 2) comply with the requirements of the CARES Act; and 3)
14 provide a summary of funds used, or planned for use, to Pierce County within a time
15 period specified by the Finance Department.

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17 Section 4. The Finance Department shall notify eligible school providers of the
18 availability of funds under the program within seven days of the effective date of this
19 ordinance.

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21 Section 5. Care has been taken to ensure the completeness of the list of eligible
22 school providers set forth in Exhibit A. In the event that it is determined that a school
23 provider meeting the eligibility requirements of Section 1 has been excluded from
24 Exhibit A, the Director of the Finance shall be authorized to approve assistance to the
25 school provider using the funding methodology described in Exhibit A, subject to funding
26 availability.

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28 Section 6. This Emergency Ordinance is necessary for the immediate
29 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the County government
30 and its existing institutions.



1 Section 7. This Ordinance shall sunset on December 31, 2020.

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4 PASSED this 25th day of August, 2020.

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6 ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

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10 Denise D. Johnson

11 **Denise D. Johnson**
12 Clerk of the Council

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15 Douglas G. Richardson

16 **Douglas G. Richardson**
17 Council Chair

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19 Bruce F. Dammeier

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Pierce County Executive

21 Approved Vetoed _____, this
22 26th day of August,
23 2020.

24 Time: 1454

25 Date of Publication of

26 Notice of Public Hearing: AUGUST 21, 2020

27 Effective Date of Ordinance: AUGUST 26, 2020 at 2:54 pm

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Eligible School Providers - Funding Allocations

The K-12 school providers set forth below have been determined to be eligible school providers for purposes of the COVID-19 School Assistance Program. The approval status of private school and charter schools was verified with information from the Washington State Board of Education and the Washington Charter School Commission as of August 20, 2020. Only those private and charter schools currently approved by the State of Washington are listed.

The enrollment data used for purposes of calculating the funding allocation for each eligible school provider is from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Washington State Board of Education. Public school district, charter school, and tribal school enrollment is as of October 1, 2019. The enrollment of public school districts that are located in multiple counties is based upon the reported enrollment for school campuses located in Pierce County only. Private school enrollment is based upon the 2018-2019 school year.

The base funding allocation is \$35.00 per student up to a maximum of \$750,000 per eligible school provider. Eligible school providers with fewer than 2,000 enrolled students receive a small school adjustment resulting in these providers receiving 200 percent of the base funding allocation or \$70.00 per student up to a maximum of \$95,000 per eligible school provider.

Minimum allocation levels are also applied as follows:

- 1) Eligible school providers with fewer than 75 students - \$5,000 minimum allocation
- 2) Eligible school providers with 75 to 149 students - \$10,000 minimum allocation
- 3) Eligible school providers with 150 to 360 students - \$25,000 minimum allocation

Funding allocations for each eligible school provider are as follows:

Public School Provider	K-12 Enrollment	Allocation
Auburn ¹	662	\$46,340.00
Bethel	20,004	\$700,140.00
Carbonado	181	\$25,000.00
Clover Park	12,970	\$453,950.00
Dieringer	1,530	\$95,000.00
Eatonville	1,979	\$95,000.00
Fife	3,845	\$134,575.00
Franklin Pierce	7,794	\$272,790.00
Orting	2,723	\$95,305.00
Peninsula	9,366	\$327,810.00
Puyallup	23,146	\$750,000.00
Steilacoom Hist.	3,365	\$117,775.00
Sumner	10,000	\$350,000.00
Tacoma	28,904	\$750,000.00
University Place	5,641	\$197,435.00
White River	4,000	\$140,000.00
Yelm ²	391	\$27,370.00
Total	136,501	\$4,578,490.00



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Private School Provider	K-12 Enrollment	Allocation
All Saints School	243	\$25,000.00
Annie Wright Schools	509	\$35,630.00
Bellarmino Preparatory School	853	\$59,710.00
Bonney Lake Christian Academy	15	\$5,000.00
Cascade Christian Schools	953	\$66,710.00
Charles Wright Academy	637	\$44,590.00
Community Montessori	8	\$5,000.00
Concordia Christian Academy	176	\$25,000.00
Covenant High School	100	\$10,000.00
Evergreen Lutheran High School	77	\$10,000.00
Faith Lutheran School Tacoma	91	\$10,000.00
Gig Harbor Academy	56	\$5,000.00
Harbor Christian Schools	6	\$5,000.00
Harbor Montessori School	66	\$5,000.00
Heritage Christian School	179	\$25,000.00
HRRS--Juan Diego Academy	157	\$25,000.00
Imagination School	8	\$5,000.00
Lakewood Lutheran School	19	\$5,000.00
Life Christian Academy	506	\$35,420.00
Lighthouse Christian School	379	\$26,530.00
Northwest Christian School	117	\$10,000.00
Parkland Lutheran School	77	\$10,000.00
Salvation Christian Academy	178	\$25,000.00
Seabury School	74	\$5,000.00
South Sound Christian Schools	269	\$25,000.00
St. Charles Borromeo School	509	\$35,630.00
St. Frances Cabrini School	191	\$25,000.00
St. Mary's Academy	47	\$5,000.00
St. Nicholas School	95	\$10,000.00
St. Patrick School	308	\$25,000.00
Tacoma Christian Academy	590	\$41,300.00
The Cor Deo School	102	\$10,000.00
Visitation Catholic STEM Academy	103	\$10,000.00
Total	7,698	\$670,520.00

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Charter School Provider	K-12 Enrollment	Allocation
Summit Olympus	183	\$25,000.00
Tribal School Provider	K-12 Enrollment	Allocation
Chief Leschi Schools	546	\$38,220.00
Total Allocation – All Listed Eligible School Providers		\$5,312,230.00
Reserve for Additional Eligible School Providers		\$187,770.00

¹ – Multi-county district. Reflects enrollment of Lakeland Hills Elementary only.
² – Multi-county district. Reflects enrollment of McKenna Elementary only.