

The School Board's Role in ESSER Fund Purchasing

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Heather Masshardt, PSBA Director of Policy Services

Heather Masshardt has served in the policy department for 20 years. She drafts policy and administrative regulations guides for school entities and regularly provides training on policy issues and the web-based policy system to school directors and administrators. Prior to working with policy, Heather was a college and community reference librarian. Her areas of specialty include trauma-informed approach, technology, special education, accessibility, and school safety and security.



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Ryan Gonder is a trusted legal advisor for municipal government. He has defended and successfully resolved tax sale disputes and various other tax claims brought against county governments in court. Furthermore, Ryan has conducted due diligence reviews that identified millions of dollars of overpayments of tax and pursued refunds for many different types of clients. He has also assisted in developing and litigating a multimillion-dollar tax assessment appeal. Prior to entering the legal field, Ryan served over five years as a Department of the Army civilian in the capacity of a logistics management specialist and central case manager for the United States Army Security Assistance Command. During that time, Ryan was part of the foreign military sales business for aviation and national army and police programs. Ryan's clients include state and local governments, financial institutions, construction contractors, insurance companies, specialty services companies, and research and development companies. Ryan has a unique combination of professional and educational experiences that allow him to truly appreciate clients' concerns for technical analysis and to be an effective advocate all the while providing value to whatever problem or solution he is working on with the client. Ryan is also a school board director at Central Dauphin School District and recently has written on the topic of ESSER III funding. Ryan and his wife enjoy traveling, kayaking and exploring new restaurants. They also enjoy taking their Bernedoodle, Josie, for walks.

