

ESSERF III Funds – MSAD#32 Project Overview

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ESSERF III: Parameters and Requirements

The American Rescue Plan of 2021 included another round of funds for public schools to support the return to in-person learning in the United States. This fund is known as ESSER III. Unlike earlier COVID-related funds, the application process for ESSER III is a lengthier and more detailed process and will have several stages. The district is currently starting the final stages of a four-stage process of application.

The ARP ESSER III funding application requires that each school develop a plan for the safe return of students and staff to in-person learning and to ensure the continuity of educational services for the upcoming year.

The district must reserve at least 20 percent of the total ESSER III funds to “address the lost instructional time....and to respond to students’ academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on student subgroups.” The remaining funds can be used to address needs related to the COVID pandemic to “Effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators and staff...”

Once the application is approved, funds can be accessed through September 30, 2024 (this includes a 12-month Tydings Amendment).

Project Summaries

Addressing Learning Gaps/Lost Instructional Time (at least \$138,861.46)

Additional Staff & Support Staff

- Additional instructional staff (2 years)
- Additional support staff (2 years)

Technology

- Interactive Boards
- Laptops for student use

Professional Development

- PD Costs related to projects listed above
- PD requests from teachers on curriculum topics
- PD Costs related with COVID safety awareness and training

Health and Safety Protocols
(remainder of funds, approximately \$462,871.55)

Nurse to Full-Time

Outdoor classroom creation and maintenance

Repair of drainage and access to outdoor classrooms and fields

Maintenance on bus garage (approx. \$129,000)

- Replacement of man door
- Replacement of windows
- Creation of additional space for storage by removing walls

Cleaning Equipment

Update of Heating System

Purchase of a New Bus (approx.. \$106,000)

Removal of Rugs & replacement to tile