

ESSER Funds

Program Plan Update



Review of ESSER II and ESSER III

ESSER II - used to replace the state's Hold Harmless funding for the district in 2020-21. SAISD will receive 14 million from ESSER II but will see its state revenues reduced by 6 million

ESSER III - the district will receive 32 million from this fund source. 20% is required to be set aside to be used to address Learning Loss for students as defined by the grant



Top Requests of ESSER III Uses from the Stakeholder Input Survey*

- Intervention support during the school day
- Enrichment activities during the school day
- Social and emotional learning programs
- Availability of Technology
- Summer Academic Programs

*Stakeholder input was based on a combination of input from district and campus advisory groups, as well as a district-wide survey.

Uses and Timing of ESSER II Funds

- The district plans to utilize these funds during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years
- Out of the 14 million, the district will allocate approximately 12 million with the remaining portion being part of the indirect cost rate calculated into the grant administration
- The district will allocate all 12 million to the portion of the grant that allows activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of the district and its continuity of services, including continuing to employ existing staff



Timing and Uses of ESSER III Funds

- In order to meet the 20% requirement of funds to be used to address learning loss, the district will utilize contracted services from numerous providers for the following:
 - Allow the district to implement evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students to include academic, social /emotional well being
 - Tracking student attendance and improving student engagement in all settings
- Other Uses of the 20% requirement:
 - Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning
 - Provide information and assistance to parents to effectively support students
 - Staffing Positions to intervene in learning loss



Timing and Uses of ESSER III Funds

- Purchasing educational technology that aides in regular/substantive educational interaction between students and instructors
- Stipends for Reading Academy Attendees
- Non- Learning Loss Uses of ESSER III Funds:
 - School facility repairs and improvements to enable the operation of schools to reduce the risk of virus transmission
 - Other activities necessary to maintain the operation and continuity of services, including continuing to recruit and retain staff of the district
 - Addressing ventilation systems
 - The district uses of ESSER III funds will occur from summer 2021 and end in September 2024

