

Westport

Plans for the Use of ESSER III Funds:

The United States Department of Education (USED) is requiring two plans from all recipients of ESSER III funds:

- 1) A plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services
The requirement for this plan is likely met by your District Reopening Plan submitted to DESE in August of 2020, along with any subsequent amendments (see Tab 3 Assurances). It will need to be revisited and revised as necessary every 6 months, including soliciting stakeholder input and considering changes to CDC guidance.
- 2) A plan for the Use of ESSER III Funds, based on broad stakeholder input, and addressing the following:
 - The district's prevention and mitigation strategies, including extent district has adopted CDC recommendations (Step 4.4)
 - How the district will use its 20% reservation of ESSER III funds to address loss of instructional time with evidence-based interventions (Step 4.2 and Tab 6, Budget)
 - How the district will spend the remainder of its ESSER III funds for allowable expenditures (Tab 5) and budget (Tab 6)
 - How the use of ESSER III funds will respond to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of all students, especially those disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic (Tab 4.2, Tab 4.3), including:
 - students from low-income families
 - students of color
 - English learners
 - students with disabilities
 - students experiencing homelessness
 - students in foster care
 - migratory students
 - students who are incarcerated
 - other underserved students

This application, when fully and thoughtfully completed, along with your District Reopening Plans, will constitute the plans required by USED. These plans must be published on your website and must be accessible to families in a language they understand, either translated in writing or orally, as well as in an accessible format for those with disabilities.

You should expect that DESE will be collecting data and other information from you as a result of implementation of your plans for and use of ESSER funds.

Step 4.1 of 4.4	ESSER III regulations require that the stakeholder groups below be meaningfully consulted as part of the planning process for use of ESSER III funds. Which of the following groups have you consulted with? (check all that apply)	If you have not yet consulted with this group in planning for use of ESSER III funds, when and how do you plan to get their input?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Students	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Families	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School and District administrators, including special education administrators	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School leaders	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teachers	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other educators	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School staff	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unions representing educators and school staff	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tribes*	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Civil rights organizations (including disability rights organizations)*	Two community forums were held, and all community stakeholders were invited and encouraged to attend. The virtual forums were held on August 31, and September 9.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, children experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students.*	Two community forums were held, and all community stakeholders were invited and encouraged to attend. The virtual forums were held on August 31, and September 9.

TIP: The calls in the right column will be red until you either 1) check the box next to the stakeholder in the left-hand column or 2) write your plan to consult the stakeholder group in the left-hand column.

*To the extent present in or served by the district

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Evidence-Based Strategies, Interventions, and Supports:
 Describe how ESSER III funds, including the required 20% reservation, will be used to respond to students' social, emotional, and academic needs through *evidence-based* interventions, how progress will be measured, and how/if chosen interventions address disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved subgroups. Select from the following list of evidence-based interventions and provide a narrative at the bottom of this step for any of your district's evidence-based initiatives that are not listed. **Note: Your district's 20% reservation to address loss of instructional time must be spent on evidence-based interventions.**

Step 4.2 of 4.4	Enhanced Core Instruction	Our district is using ESSER III funds for this strategy	This strategy will address pandemic-related learning loss/disproportionate impact	What data will you use to measure progress?	Does this strategy/intervention address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, students from low-income families, students with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness and students in foster care)? If yes, please explain which group(s) are being served, what impact is being addressed, and how this strategy/intervention will provide support.

Expanding access to full-day, high-quality prekindergarten	Yes	Yes	District-developed assessments will be used to gauge student growth, and enrollment data will be reviewed by the leadership and presented to the Westport School Committee in order to plan for future maintenance of the	Yes. All students, but in particular, students from low-income families, English learners, and students with disabilities will benefit from the expansion of the district's PreK programming. Developmentally appropriate learning activities and early intervention will ensure that the district's youngest learners, and those most in need of additional support, are well-
Purchasing and/or expanding use of high-quality, aligned instructional materials (any content area) and associated professional development	Select	Select		
Professional development for teachers and administrators re: culturally responsive teaching	Select	Select		
Screening assessments and associated professional development (e.g., early literacy screening)	Select	Select		
Expanding access to career-technical education (including "After Dark" district/vocational partnerships), innovation pathways, and advanced placement courses (including fee subsidies and teacher training)	Select	Select		
Extending the school day/year and prioritizing student access to additional time by student need	Yes	Yes	Student engagement surveys will be used to gauge progress. These surveys will allow families and teachers to evaluate the impact of the extended day programming.	A significant number of students who participate in the district's extended day program are from low-income families. A significant number of students with disabilities also participate. All students benefit from the academic and social emotional learning opportunities that the program provides after hours.
Tutoring programs and support, including early literacy tutoring (including training paraprofessionals) and peer tutoring programs.	Select	Select		
Developing or strengthening data cycles to facilitate and inform student learning and associated professional development and support personnel	Select	Select		
Early college programs, particularly those focused on students underrepresented in higher education	Select	Select		
Targeted Student Supports	Our district is using ESSER III funds for:	This strategy will address pandemic-related learning loss/disproportionate impact	What data will you use to measure progress?	Does this strategy/intervention address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, students from low-income families, students with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness and students in foster care)? If yes, please explain which group(s) are being served, what impact is being addressed, and how this strategy/intervention will provide support.
Developing or expanding high quality co-teaching and inclusion models for students with disabilities and associated professional development	Select	Select		
Acceleration academies (during school year vacations) and summer learning opportunities for individualized instruction and enrichment	Yes	Yes	District-developed assessments will be used to gauge student growth, as well as I-Ready diagnostic data in math and reading.	Yes. Students from low-income families, English learners, students with disabilities, and students in foster care will benefit from
Language support programs, including dual language and heritage language programs (students learning in-home/native language) and associated professional development	Select	Select		
Community-based afterschool programs for parents, including citizenship and ESL classes	Select	Select		
Dropout prevention and recovery programs	Select	Select		
Talent Development and Staffing	Our district is using ESSER III funds for:	This strategy will address pandemic-related learning loss/disproportionate impact	What data will you use to measure progress?	Does this strategy/intervention address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, students from low-income families, students with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness and students in foster care)? If yes, please explain which group(s) are being served, what impact is being addressed, and how this strategy/intervention will provide support.
Academic support staff, including academic coaches, interventionists, student teaching residency programs, paraprofessionals	Yes	Yes	District-developed assessments will be used to gauge student growth, as well as I-Ready diagnostic data in reading.	A high school reading specialist, certified in the multi-sensory Orton-Gillingham approach, will provide literacy intervention. Stu
Diversifying the educator workforce through recruitment and retention strategies	Select	Select		
Strategies to staff hard-to-staff schools and positions with high-performing educators	Select	Select		
Increasing staff and opportunities for arts, enrichment, world languages, athletics, and elective courses	Yes	Yes	Student engagement surveys will be used to gauge progress and the impact of the activities on the students' overall wellness and academic success.	After school visual arts, performing arts, and athletics extracurricular offerings in grades 1-4 will provide additional opportuniti
Increasing high-quality common planning time for teachers and academic support staff	Select	Select		
Developing leadership pipeline programs for schools	Select	Select		
Labor-management partnerships to improve student performance	Select	Select		

Conditions for Student Success - Social/Emotional and Mental Health Supports	Our district is using ESSER III funds for:	This strategy will address pandemic-related learning loss/disproportionate impact	What data will you use to measure progress?	Does this strategy/intervention address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, students from low-income families, students with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness and students in foster care)? If yes, please explain which group(s) are being served, what impact is being addressed, and how this strategy/intervention will provide support.
Increasing personnel and services to support holistic student needs, including school guidance and adjustment counselors, nurses, psychologists, and/or social workers	Yes	Yes	Student caseload data will be used to determine the impact of the additional SAC position. Weekly guidance meetings will analyze and discuss trends among the student population and help to identify what	The addition of a SAC at Westport Middle High School will serve all populations, with a specific focus on those mentioned above who were disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Whole group and individual counseling and intervention will prepare students for the rigors of teaching and learning and help students to navigate the unusual circumstances of re-
Building/strengthening partnerships with community-based organizations to increase student/family access to services for mental/physical health and well-being	Select	Select		
Working with community-based organizations that provide enrichment during the school day and/or out of school time	Select	Select		
Arranging for wraparound services to be provided at schools	Select	Select		
Engaging community partners to build capacity among educators and support personnel to implement equitable and culturally responsive learning environments	Select	Select		
Create transitional programs, partnering with community-based organizations, for students with mental health or behavioral-related absences returning to school	Select	Select		
Parent-teacher home visiting programs to build positive relationships between home and school	Select	Select		
Facilities improvements to create healthy and safe school environments	Yes	Yes		
Other Interventions/Strategies/Supports <i>Use this section to describe evidence-based strategies your district will fund with ESSER III that are not listed above</i>		This strategy will address pandemic-related learning loss/disproportionate impact	What data will you use to measure progress?	Does this strategy/intervention address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, students from low-income families, students with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness and students in foster care)? If yes, please explain which group(s) are being served, what impact is being addressed, and how this strategy/intervention will provide support.
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Step 4.3 of 4.4 **Equitable Use of ESSER III Funds**

How is your district taking educational equity into account when planning for expending your ESSER III funds?
For example,

- 1) allocating funds both to schools and districtwide activities based on student needs, and
- 2) implementing an equitable and inclusive return to in-person learning by, for example, avoiding over-use of exclusionary discipline and creating a positive and supportive learning environment for all students.

This fall, the Westport Middle High School opened its doors to students in grades 5-12. This state-of-the-art facility provides students and staff with 21st century technology and learning spaces, and as a result, the district is mindful of the need to create equitable learning experiences for students in grades PreK-4 in other facilities. Additionally, Westport Elementary School qualifies for a schoolwide Title I program, and although the Alice A. Macomber School is not designated as a Title I school this year, the level of poverty exceeds 30%. Thus, when developing a plan for the ESSER III funds, the needs of these two buildings, in particular, were at the forefront of planning conversations.

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CDC School Safety Recommendations
This information will come from your District Reopening Plan as well as any supplemental/revised reopening policies for your district.

TIP: Note that your district is not required to adopt [CDC school safety recommendations](#) to receive ESSER III funds. This data is being collected for reporting purposes.

CDC Recommendation	Does your district have a policy or policies on this topic?	If "Yes," is it described in your District Reopening Plan?	If you have a policy but it is not described in your District Reopening Plan, please briefly describe here.
1 Universal and correct wearing of masks	Yes	Yes	
2 Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	Select	Select One	
3 Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Yes	No	Handwashing procedures are reinforced by classroom teachers, and mask breaks and handwashing breaks are a part of the daily schedule.
4 Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	Yes	Yes	
5 Contact tracing, isolation, quarantine in collaboration with health departments	Yes	Yes	
6 Diagnostic and screening testing	Yes	Yes	
7 Efforts to provide vaccination to school communities	Yes	No	Vaccination clinics have been offered in the schools, in coordination with the local Board of Health, for district staff.
8 Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	Yes	Yes	
9 Coordination with state and local health officials	Yes	Yes	