

**Public Notice: (Posted June 16, 2021)**

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND  
(ARP ESSER)**

Data shows that the pandemic has had a significant impact on student learning, both across the country and in Stafford MSD. The Stafford Team is launching a comprehensive stakeholder engagement process to help determine how it should potentially spend federal dollars to address learning loss and COVID-19 recovery. Stafford MSD will create a proposal/grant to request Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds from the federal government via the Texas Education Agency. These funds are allocated specifically to respond to the impact of COVID-19. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed into law by President Biden and it included \$122 billion for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds for school districts across the country. This is the third law providing funding as a response to the pandemic, the ARP is also referred to as ARP ESSER III or ESSER III.

Additionally, Stafford MSD intends to apply for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) Fund, ESSER II, from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act of 2021.

It provides funding to school districts to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including its impact on the social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs of students.

Seeking input from diverse stakeholders across the Stafford Community is essential to developing plans for the use of both the ARP ESSER III and CRRSA ESSER II funds that are responsive to the needs of students, families, and educators. Any member of the community wishing to provide a comment may submit feedback via the [\*\*Stafford MSD Stakeholder Engagement Survey\*\*](#) by 5:00 pm on Friday, June 25, 2021.

For support or additional information on submitting your input, please contact the Department of Federal and State Programs at: [\*\*fedstateprograms@staffordmsd.org\*\*](mailto:fedstateprograms@staffordmsd.org).

Here is the link for the survey: [\*\*https://forms.office.com/r/4zAU5iqvTu\*\*](https://forms.office.com/r/4zAU5iqvTu)