



ESSER III Expenditure Plan

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School districts, county offices of education, or charter schools, collectively known as LEAs, that receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds under the American Rescue Plan Act, referred to as ESSER III funds, are required to develop a plan for how they will use their ESSER III funds. In the plan, an LEA must explain how it intends to use its ESSER III funds to address students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as any opportunity gaps that existed before, and were worsened by, the COVID-19 pandemic. An LEA may also use its ESSER III funds in other ways, as detailed in the Fiscal Requirements section of the Instructions. In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include community input and/or actions included in other planning documents, such as the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), provided that the input and actions are relevant to the LEA’s Plan to support students.

For more information please see the Instructions.

Other LEA Plans Referenced in this Plan

Plan Title	Where the Plan May Be Accessed
AVUHSD Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan (ELO)	https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/avuhsd/Board.nsf/files/C34LY855EFB3/\$file/ELO_GrantPlanAVUHS D.pdf

Plan Title	Where the Plan May Be Accessed
AVUHSD Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)	https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1624906393/avdistrictorg/oppuqgrio8pj2qpfeyjt/AVHSDLCAP2021-2022BOARDAPPROVED6_14_212.pdf

Summary of Planned ESSER III Expenditures

Below is a summary of the ESSER III funds received by the LEA and how the LEA intends to expend these funds in support of students.

Total ESSER III funds received by the LEA

\$58,842,747

Plan Section	Total Planned ESSER III
Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning	\$ 44,845,693
Addressing Lost Instructional Time (a minimum of 20 percent of the LEAs ESSER III funds)	\$ 12,949,256
Use of Any Remaining Funds	\$ 1,047,798

Total ESSER III funds included in this plan

\$58,842,747

Community Engagement

An LEA's decisions about how to use its ESSER III funds will directly impact the students, families, and the local community. The following is a description of how the LEA meaningfully consulted with its community members in determining the prevention and mitigation strategies, strategies to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, and any other strategies or activities to be implemented by the LEA. In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include input received from community members during the development of other LEA Plans, such as the LCAP, provided that the input is relevant to the development of the LEA's ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

For specific requirements, including a list of the community members that an LEA is required to consult with, please see the Community Engagement section of the Instructions.

A description of the efforts made by the LEA to meaningfully consult with its required community members and the opportunities provided by the LEA for public input in the development of the plan.

The District has provided multiple opportunities during the 2020-21 school year to meaningfully consult and gain feedback from our various educational partner groups (formerly stakeholder groups) on both our Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and our Extended Learning Opportunities Grant Plan (ELO). This feedback, as well as ongoing feedback through surveys and meetings during the 2021-2022 school year, has been used in developing this ESSER III expenditure plan. There were specific efforts taken to ensure important constituencies were heard representing students with special needs, English learners, foster youth, Title school populations, and other at-risk student groups. Translation services were provided at each meeting as needed. AVUHSD made a solid effort to assure voices were heard from educational partners throughout these meetings and will continue our outreach efforts.

Educational partner groups included the following:

District Site and Leadership Team (DSLTL) – 4/26/21 and 5/17/21: The DSLTL met and discussed progress on the LCAP. A great deal of data was analyzed and evaluated in relation to our LCAP goals and objectives at these meetings using the following metrics: the California School Dashboard, A-G rates, AP test scores and participation, NWEA MAP scores in ELA and Math, professional development delivered, parent outreach conducted, etc. Each site brought data as evidence of the progress they made on the LCAP through their Single Plans for Student Achievement at their individual sites. This team developed the methodology for engaging stakeholders and determined that the current LCAP goals were appropriate and progressing. In the May meeting, all administration in the district reviewed feedback data and created actions for inclusion into the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) and the LCAP.

Surveys - Multiple surveys were given to students, parents, and staff during the 2020-2021 school year. Due to Covid-19, we received over 49,000 responses to seven different surveys. This survey data was shared with various educational partners throughout the year and Assistant Principal and Principal meetings, at Virtual Site visitations, at the DSLTL, DELAC, DPAC meetings, and with Labor groups (Antelope Valley Teachers Association (AVTA), California School Employee Association (CSEA) and SELPA.

We will continue to engage in meaningful consultation by outreaching the groups, but not limited to the mentioned below, to the extent that they are present or served the LEA:

- Tribes
- Civil rights organizations, including disability rights organizations
- Individuals or advocates representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, homeless students, foster youth, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students

A description of how the development of the plan was influenced by community input.

Educational partner groups feedback overwhelmingly indicated the need to continue our broad LCAP goals as stated, from prior LCAPs, as students were making progress prior to the pandemic, and has been used in developing this ESSER III expenditure plan. Our educational partners overwhelmingly supported efforts to address the impacts of lost instructional time and to create healthy learning spaces for students.

Specifically, educational partners identified the need to provide social-emotional support for students as mental health issues related to the pandemic continue to present themselves and provide barriers to student learning.

The input we received from all of our educational partners was pretty consistent with the input we received for the ELO and LCAP. Specifically, in regards to our commitment to technology, access to teachers in person, opportunities to make up for lost learning and addressing students academic, social-emotional and mental health needs. Much of this is done through our School Counseling programs, Student Support Centers and through multiple opportunities for supplemental instruction and credit retrieval. Further feedback revealed the need to update our schools' doors, windows and HVAC units to ensure learning environments that help mitigate the spread of Covid.

District Site and Leadership Team (DSLTL)- Specifically indicated that they wish to keep the LCAP goals, as stated in prior LCAPs, but requested data systems to support them as they monitor for student progress and success. DSLTL also wanted additional supports to implement Next Generation Science Standards and writing curriculum supports.

Surveys- Indicated the need to continue to break information down at workshops, and share in multiple ways, virtually and in-person, so parents can readily understand how to support their students academic success.

By Board Engagement – The Board of Trustees approved the ESSER III Expenditure Plan for the Antelope Valley Union High School District on October 13, 2021.

Actions and Expenditures to Address Student Needs

The following is the LEA's plan for using its ESSER III funds to meet students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as how the LEA will address the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic. In developing the plan, the LEA has the flexibility to include actions described in existing plans, including the LCAP and/or Expanded Learning Opportunity (ELO) Grant Plan, to the extent that the action(s) address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

For specific requirements, please refer to the Actions and Expenditures to Address Student Needs section of the Instructions.

Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning

A description of how the LEA will use funds to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning in a way that reduces or prevents the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Total ESSER III funds being used to implement strategies for continuous and safe in-person learning

\$ 44,845,693

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
N/A	Augment substitute program	Protocols aimed at mitigating the spread of Covid-19 led to the need for more substitute teachers and supporting staff. We aim to pay subs better and hire as many as we can to meet this need.	\$ 8,768,871
LCAP 1.10	Independent Study	Expand Independent Study offerings to keep up with the demand from students and families.	\$ 1,238,654
N/A	Windows	Upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities including window replacement.	\$ 4,000,000
N/A	HVAC	School facility repairs and improvements projects to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.	\$ 17,550,000
N/A	Doors and Hardware	Upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities including door replacement.	\$ 13,288,168

Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time

A description of how the LEA will use funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time.

Total ESSER III funds being used to address the academic impact of lost instructional time

\$ 12,949,256

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
ELO, Page 2 of 3	Repeat enrollment to retrieve credit	Continue to offer students who fail a course and don't have the flexibility to participate in Supplemental Instruction and Credit Retrieval programs will be allowed to re enroll in the course in the regular schedule of the day	\$ 10,299,256

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
LCAP 2.10	Improve Tech in large gathering locations	We expand technology to facilitate teaching large groups of students in libraries, theaters and gyms so that lessons can be given to multiple classes who couldn't get a substitute teacher.	\$ 2,350,000
LCAP 1.12	IS curriculum	Purchase additional new curriculum that is built to address learning gaps and to accelerate learning	\$ 300,000

Use of Any Remaining Funds

A description of the how the LEA will use any remaining ESSER III funds, as applicable.

Total ESSER III funds being used to implement additional actions

\$ 1,047,798

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
LCAP 2.2	Educational Social Workers	Additional Educational Social Workers will be hired to help address students academic, social-emotional and mental health needs.	\$ 1,047,798

Ensuring Interventions are Addressing Student Needs

The LEA is required to ensure its interventions will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The following is the LEA's plan for ensuring that the actions and expenditures in the plan are addressing the identified academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of its students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Action Title(s)	How Progress will be Monitored	Frequency of Progress Monitoring
Educational Social Workers	<p>Referrals will be monitored through Google and Qualtrics by the Student Service Division Director through monthly meetings with all Social Workers. Referral Data will be used to continue to refine and adjust the services provided by the social workers to ensure students are being offered the appropriate support with mental health and social and emotional needs.</p>	Monthly
Independent Study	<p>Independent Study teachers will monitor student academic progress and attendance through weekly student conferences. The school identifies students who are struggling through Tiers of Re-engagement and provides tiered re-engagement strategies, early interventions, and supports that enable students to succeed.</p> <p>Tier 1 Re-engagement: Teacher Intervention Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify current contact information address access and connectivity issues • Create pathways for parents to maintain ongoing communication • Weekly notice to parents regarding absences, including the day a student misses their scheduled appointment • Outreach plan to determine students' needs, including: technology, academic support, physical or mental health concerns, social services, etc • Clear communication with parents about academic progress • Building relationships with communication on a regular basis to learn more about the student's 	<p>Weekly student conferences</p> <p>Quarterly Academic review with IS teachers, admin and counselors</p>

Action Title(s)	How Progress will be Monitored	Frequency of Progress Monitoring
	<p style="padding-left: 40px;">motivations and future plans to help guide the classwork and behaviors in that direction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of Tiered Re-engagement intervention contacts will be kept in the district student information systems <p>Tier 2 Re-engagement: Teacher, Community Attendance Worker (CAW) Intervention Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address access and connectivity issues • Communication to parents and/or students through in-person, internet, or telephonic communication – documentation of all efforts • Mail letter to last known address • Home visit by CAW • Connect with appropriate Academic and other supports/resources: EL Coordinator, 504 Coordinator, IEP Case Manager, Foster Liaison, Counselor • Documentation of Tiered Re-engagement intervention contacts will be kept in the district student information systems <p>Tier 3 Re-engagement: Intensive intervention efforts are required. The student is non-participatory despite the offering of needed support and intervention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent, student, teacher conference to determine most appropriate placement • If an IS student has a Section 504 plan or an active IEP, the IS teacher will 	

Action Title(s)	How Progress will be Monitored	Frequency of Progress Monitoring
	<p>contact the 504/SPED coordinator to schedule any necessary meetings prior to the Tier 4 meeting with the administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IS teacher will contact the 504/SPED coordinator to schedule any necessary meetings prior to the Tier 4 meeting with the administration • Documentation of Tiered Re-engagement intervention contacts will be kept in the district student information systems <p>Tier 4 Re-engagement: Administrative intervention and review to determine if an expedited return to the main campus within 5 school days is appropriate</p>	
Doors, Windows and HVAC	Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities will be monitored by the Facilities Department using a preventative database which will generate a work order to ensure doors, hardware, windows, and HVAC are properly working and report the status to the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.	Monthly
Augment substitute program	Staff shortages due to COVID-19 related illness and quarantine are very real and especially prevalent for our schools. Personnel and Business Division will monitor the short-term staffing that supports in-person learning by ensuring student needs are being met and state guidelines are followed, such as, following and monitoring the lowered state requirements to avoid delayed hiring of qualified short-term	Weekly

Action Title(s)	How Progress will be Monitored	Frequency of Progress Monitoring
	substitute teachers, permitting substitute teachers to have their assignments extended, allowing short-term flexibility for student teachers to be assigned to classrooms, and providing additional flexibility to support retired teachers who have returned to the classroom.	
Repeat enrollment to retrieve credit	All District Divisions (Ed Services, Business Services, Student Services, Personnel Services) with school admin will monitor the additional sections added through Master Schedule visits to ensure increased Grad Rates. Counselors will monitor student academic progress.	Semi-Annually
Improve Tech in large gathering locations	Student access to technology and remote learning platforms are essential, as students must be given the opportunity to continue, extend, or engage in learning across multiple settings during the ongoing pandemic. Technology Department and Ed Services will monitor and ensure technology is outfitted to ensure the facilitation of teaching large groups of students in libraries, theaters and gyms. The impact of this intervention will be measured by tracking student usage across digital learning and academic intervention platforms.	Monthly
IS Curriculum	Educational Services and Business Services will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the curriculum through curriculum mapping, assessment results and student work to ensure LEA-adopted curriculum is being used and content is aligned to grade level standards, including access to all courses needed for graduation and approved by the University of California or the California State University as creditable under the a–g admissions criteria, and Board adopted policies.	Yearly

ESSER III Expenditure Plan Instructions

Introduction

School districts, county offices of education (COEs), or charter schools, collectively known as local educational agencies (LEAs), that receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, referred to as ESSER III funds, are required to develop a plan for how they will use ESSER III funds to, at a minimum, address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic.

The plan must be adopted by the local governing board or body of the LEA at a public meeting on or before October 29, 2021 and must be submitted for review and approval within five days of adoption. A school district must submit its ESSER III Expenditure Plan to its COE for review and approval; a COE must submit its plan to the California Department of Education for review and approval. A charter school must submit its plan to its chartering authority for review and to the COE of the county in which the charter school operates for review and approval.

In addition, consistent with the requirements of the ARP, Volume 86, *Federal Register*, page 21201, April 22, 2021, the ESSER III Expenditure Plan must be:

- Written in an understandable and uniform format;
- Written in a language that parents can understand, to the extent practicable;
 - If it is not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, the plan must be orally translated for parents
- Provided in an alternative format to a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, upon request; and
- Be made publicly available on the LEA's website.

For additional information regarding ESSER III funding please see the ARP Act Funding web page at

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/cr/arpact.asp>.

For technical assistance related to the completion of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan, please contact EDReliefFunds@cde.ca.gov.

Fiscal Requirements

- The LEA must use at least 20 percent (20%) of its ESSER III apportionment for expenditures related to addressing the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs.
 - For purposes of this requirement, "evidence-based interventions" include practices or programs that have **evidence** to show that they are effective at producing results and improving outcomes when implemented. This kind of evidence has generally been produced through formal studies and research. There are four tiers, or levels, of evidence:

- **Tier 1 – Strong Evidence:** the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented randomized control experimental studies.
 - **Tier 2 – Moderate Evidence:** the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental studies.
 - **Tier 3 – Promising Evidence:** the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented correlational studies (with statistical controls for selection bias).
 - **Tier 4 – Demonstrates a Rationale:** practices that have a well-defined logic model or theory of action, are supported by research, and have some effort underway by a State Educational Agency, LEA, or outside research organization to determine their effectiveness.
- **For additional information please see the Evidence-Based Interventions Under the ESSA web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/es/evidence.asp>.**
- The LEA must use the remaining ESSER III funds consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act, including for:
 - Any activity authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965;
 - Any activity authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);
 - Any activity authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act;
 - Any activity authorized by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006;
 - Coordination of preparedness and response efforts of LEAs with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments, and other relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19;
 - Activities to address the unique needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, homeless students, and foster youth, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population;
 - Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of LEAs;
 - Training and professional development for staff of the LEA on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases;
 - Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of an LEA, including buildings operated by such agency;
 - Planning for, coordinating, and implementing activities during long-term closures, including providing meals to eligible students, providing technology for online learning to all students, providing guidance for carrying out requirements under IDEA, and ensuring other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements;
 - Purchasing education technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the LEA that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including low-income students and children with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment;
 - Providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence-based full-service community schools;
 - Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental after school programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of underserved students;

- Addressing learning loss among students, including underserved students, by:
 - Administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable, to accurately assess students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiated instruction,
 - Implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students,
 - Providing information and assistance to parents and families of how they can effectively support students, including in a distance learning environment, and
 - Tracking student attendance and improving student engagement in distance education;

Note: A definition of “underserved students” is provided in the Community Engagement section of the instructions.

- School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risks of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs;
- Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and nonmechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door replacement;
- Developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff;
- Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in LEAs and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA.

Other LEA Plans Referenced in this Plan

In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include community input and/or actions included in other planning documents, such as the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and/or the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant Plan, provided that the input and/or actions address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

An LEA that chooses to utilize community input and/or actions from other planning documents must provide the name of the plan(s) referenced by the LEA and a description of where the plan(s) may be accessed by the public (such as a link to a web page or the street address of where the plan(s) are available) in the table. The LEA may add or delete rows from the table as necessary.

An LEA that chooses not to utilize community input and/or actions from other planning documents may provide a response of “Not Applicable” in the table.

Summary of Expenditures

The Summary of Expenditures table provides an overview of the ESSER III funding received by the LEA and how the LEA plans to use its ESSER III funds to support the strategies and interventions being implemented by the LEA.

Instructions

For the ‘Total ESSER III funds received by the LEA,’ provide the total amount of ESSER III funds received by the LEA.

In the Total Planned ESSER III Expenditures column of the table, provide the amount of ESSER III funds being used to implement the actions identified in the applicable plan sections.

For the ‘Total ESSER III funds included in this plan,’ provide the total amount of ESSER III funds being used to implement actions in the plan.

Community Engagement

Purpose and Requirements

An LEA’s decisions about how to use its ESSER III funds will directly impact the students, families, and the local community, and thus the LEA’s plan must be tailored to the specific needs faced by students and schools. These community members will have significant insight into what prevention and mitigation strategies should be pursued to keep students and staff safe, as well as how the various COVID–19 prevention and mitigation strategies impact teaching, learning, and day-to-day school experiences.

An LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with the following community members, as applicable to the LEA:

- Students;
- Families, including families that speak languages other than English;
- School and district administrators, including special education administrators;
- Teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and local bargaining units, as applicable.

“Meaningful consultation” with the community includes considering the perspectives and insights of each of the required community members in identifying the unique needs of the LEA, especially related to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Comprehensive strategic planning will utilize these perspectives and insights to determine the most effective strategies and interventions to address these needs through the programs and services the LEA implements with its ESSER III funds.

Additionally, an LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with the following groups to the extent that they are present or served in the LEA:

- Tribes;
- Civil rights organizations, including disability rights organizations (e.g. the American Association of People with Disabilities, the American Civil Liberties Union, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, etc.); and
- Individuals or advocates representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, homeless students, foster youth, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students.
 - For purposes of this requirement “underserved students” include:
 - Students who are low-income;

- Students who are English learners;
- Students of color;
- Students who are foster youth;
- Homeless students;
- Students with disabilities; and
- Migratory students.

LEAs are also encouraged to engage with community partners, expanded learning providers, and other community organizations in developing the plan.

Information and resources that support effective community engagement may be found under *Resources* on the following web page of the CDE’s website: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lc>.

Instructions

In responding to the following prompts, the LEA may reference or include input provided by community members during the development of existing plans, including the LCAP and/or the ELO Grant Plan, to the extent that the input is applicable to the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. Descriptions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broad understanding among the LEA’s local community.

A description of the efforts made by the LEA to meaningfully consult with its required community members and the opportunities provided by the LEA for public input in the development of the plan.

A sufficient response to this prompt will describe how the LEA sought to meaningfully consult with its required community members in the development of the plan, how the LEA promoted the opportunities for community engagement, and the opportunities that the LEA provided for input from the public at large into the development of the plan.

As noted above, a description of “meaningful consultation” with the community will include an explanation of how the LEA has considered the perspectives and insights of each of the required community members in identifying the unique needs of the LEA, especially related to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A description of the how the development of the plan was influenced by community input.

A sufficient response to this prompt will provide clear, specific information about how input from community members and the public at large was considered in the development of the LEA’s plan for its use of ESSER III funds. This response must describe aspects of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan that were influenced by or developed in response to input from community members.

- For the purposes of this prompt, “aspects” may include:
 - Prevention and mitigation strategies to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning;

- Strategies to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through implementation of evidence-based interventions (e.g. summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs);
- Any other strategies or activities implemented with the LEA’s ESSER III fund apportionment consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act; and
- Progress monitoring to ensure interventions address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs for all students, especially those students disproportionately impacted by COVID-19

For additional information and guidance, please see the U.S. Department of Education’s Roadmap to Reopening Safely and Meeting All Students’ Needs Document, available here: <https://www2.ed.gov/documents/coronavirus/reopening-2.pdf>.

Planned Actions and Expenditures

Purpose and Requirements

As noted in the Introduction, an LEA receiving ESSER III funds is required to develop a plan to use its ESSER III funds to, at a minimum, address students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic.

Instructions

An LEA has the flexibility to include actions described in existing plans, including the LCAP and/or ELO Grant Plan, to the extent that the action(s) address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. When including action(s) from other plans, the LEA must describe how the action(s) included in the ESSER III Expenditure Plan supplement the work described in the plan being referenced. The LEA must specify the amount of ESSER III funds that it intends to use to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA. Descriptions of actions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broad understanding among the LEA’s local community.

Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning

Provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions related to Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write “N/A”.
- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of the action(s) the LEA will implement using ESSER III funds for prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, in line with the most recent CDC guidance, in order to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning.

- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA.

Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time

As a reminder, the LEA must use not less than 20 percent of its ESSER III funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time. Provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions related to addressing the impact of lost instructional time, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write “N/A”.
- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of the action(s) the LEA will implement using ESSER III funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs.
- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA.

Use of Any Remaining Funds

After completing the Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning and the Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time portions of the plan, the LEA may use any remaining ESSER III funds to implement additional actions to address students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as to address opportunity gaps, consistent with the allowable uses identified above in the Fiscal Requirements section of the Instructions. LEAs choosing to use ESSER III funds in this manner must provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions with any remaining ESSER III funds, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write “N/A”.
- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of any additional action(s) the LEA will implement to address students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as to address opportunity gaps, consistent with the allowable uses identified above in the Fiscal Requirements section of the Instructions. If an LEA has allocated its entire apportionment of ESSER III funds to strategies for continuous and safe in-person learning and/or to addressing the impact of lost instructional time, the LEA may indicate that it is not implementing additional actions.
- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA. If the LEA it is not implementing additional actions the LEA must indicate “\$0”.

Ensuring Interventions are Addressing Student Needs

The LEA is required to ensure its interventions will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID–19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.

The LEA may group actions together based on how the LEA plans to monitor the actions' progress. For example, if an LEA plans to monitor the progress of two actions in the same way and with the same frequency, the LEA may list both actions within the same row of the table. Each action included in the ESSER III Expenditure Plan must be addressed within the table, either individually or as part of a group of actions.

Complete the table as follows:

- Provide the action title(s) of the actions being measured.
- Provide a description of how the LEA will monitor progress of the action(s) to ensure that they are addressing the needs of students.
- Specify how frequently progress will be monitored (e.g. daily, weekly, monthly, every 6 weeks, etc.).

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