



RADNOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
ESSER III GRANT FUND OVERVIEW – UPDATED April 2022
American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Relief (ESSER) Fund

ESSER III Grant Fund Allocation			Additional ARP Funds		
Grant Requirement Categories	% Total	Minimum \$	Grant Requirement Categories	% Total	Minimum \$
Expenses to address learning loss as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic	20%+	\$740,421	Expenses to Support Student Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Support	30%+	\$61,658
			Professional Development: Support Student Social, Emotional, Mental Health Support	10%+	\$20,553
Remaining Funds can be spent on a range of needs (COVID-19 related)	≥ 80%	≥ \$2,961,687	Reading Support and Improvement	8%+	\$16,442
			Remaining Funds	≥ 52%	≥ \$100,708
Total		\$3,702,108	Total		\$205,527

Radnor Township ARP ESSER III Fund Plans – Total allocation of \$3,907,635			
Focus Category	Focus Area	General Description	Anticipated Cost
Academic Supports and Services: Academic Supports to address learning loss and long-term systematic continuous improvement	Expanded summer programming	Funds are allocated to support expansion of summer programming; including free tutoring and credit recovery supports; 2021 - TBD	\$35,000
	Contract professional development support and services	Funds are allocated to provide staff professional development and consultation through the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit; 2021-2023	\$125,000
	MTSS para-educators; K-5	Funds are allocated to provide para-educators to support the implementation of MTSS programming; 2021-2024	\$250,000
	Online supplemental resource to support math proficiency	Reflex Math Online program was piloted in 2020 and adopted as a primary math operations supplemental practice resource for grades 2 (all) and 3 (Tier II); 2021 – 2024 ongoing cost thereafter (\$18,000 per year).	\$55,000
	Pilot of diagnostic assessment tool	Funds are allocated to pilot the STAR360 Diagnostic Assessment Tool and corresponding supplemental resource, Freckle for K-8 students; 2021-2024.	\$45,000
	MTSS data team meetings	Funds are allocated for each building to host after-school and summer data team sessions to analyze relevant student achievement and social-emotional data for instructional planning; 2021-2024.	\$135,000
	After school tutoring for elementary students	Funds are allocated to pilot after-school tutoring for elementary-age students; in alignment with RMS and RHS; 2021-2024.	\$205,000
Total			\$850,000

Addressing Learning Loss as a Result of COVID-19 Pandemic

The use of ARP ESSER III funds to support the implementation of MTSS directly relates to the need to address learning deficits as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The descriptions outlined above reflect fund allocations to support the implementation of MTSS; a systematic approach to meeting the needs of all students. Funds are focused on contract professional development services (MCIU) for our teachers and staff, time for building data teams to meet and analyze student achievement information, personnel to support students within the MTSS framework, free extended day tutoring for elementary students in alignment with RMS/RHS, and supplemental resources to support application and assessment of students’ skills and understanding. All of these areas fulfill the ESSER III grant requirements and are responsive to RTSD stakeholder feedback.



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Student Support Services: Counseling and Mental Health Supports	K-12 Counseling Coordinator	Funds are allocated for the addition of a K-12 Counseling Coordinator to support K-12 articulation of counseling services, Act 339 Plan for College and Career Readiness, etc.; This position was a planned addition replacing a previous RTSD student support position; funds will be stepped down 2021-2024 for budget integration thereafter.	\$300,000
	Social Worker / BCBA / Counselor ADJUSTED	Funds are allocated for the addition of an RTSD Social Worker/BCBA/Counselor position (1 position) to support home and school visits, attendance, food support, behavioral needs, etc.; funds will be stepped down 2021-2024 for budget integration thereafter. (Reduction in ESSER III funding will be covered by IDEA funding in the 2021-22 school year)	\$300,000 \$200,000
	RTSD Counseling audit and corresponding supports 2021-2024 ADJUSTED	\$850,000 will be allocated for Radnor Township S.D. to support continuous improvement of Counseling Services including: an external formal assessment audit, professional development and training, consultation with intermediate units and field experts, contract student support services (such as college essay writing), and personnel additions as determined from the external audit and internal experiences and next steps; 2021-2024 (Potential positions are included in the 22-23 budget)	\$850,000 \$225,635
	Lakeside <i>Clinical</i> Support	The purpose of these supports is to provide clinical support counseling for students, based on individual need and team determinations with our buildings K-12. Three full time counselors and one half-time counselor is needed; 2021-2024	\$630,000
	Lakeside <i>Mobile</i> Support	The purpose of these supports is to provide in home academic and therapy support for students struggling with school avoidance, mental health, and/or as a step down from alternate placement outside of the district; 2021-2024	\$135,000
	Community Integration Services	Funds are allocated for community integration services to support student transition programs aged 14+; 2021-2024	\$100,000
	Professional Development and Training	Funds are allocated to support replacement instruction programming for students based on individual needs determined by the IEP team; examples include Wilson, Linda Mood Bell Training, and Roots and Wings (SEL); 2021-2024	\$92,000
Total			\$1,682,635

Student Services in Support of Mental Health and Wellness

An external formal audit of current RTSD counseling and mental health services will inform administration and the School Board of what additions and changes should be considered. The use of ARP ESSER III funds to support student mental health and wellness expands the spectrum of counseling services, social work services, mental health and clinical services, transition services, and staff professional development and training. All of these areas fulfill the ESSER III grant requirements and are responsive to RTSD stakeholder feedback.

The ESSER III funds support the revision and/or addition of personnel to facilitate student services. To support the budget for the additions, ESSER III funds will be used from 2021 through 2024 to build in and then step-down (reduce each year) to integrate within the existing budget.



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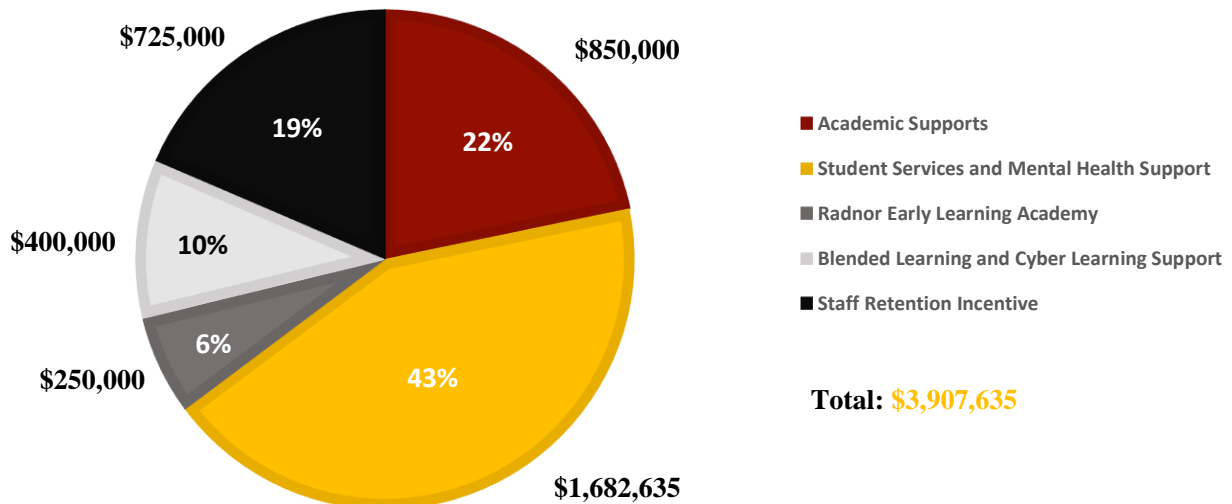
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Pilot Program: Radnor Early Learning Academy (RELA) Pre-K Pilot	Para-educators	Para-educators (1-2) will be funded to support the needs of the RELA pilot program; projected 2021 – 2024.	\$225,000
	Materials and Supplies	Funds are allocated to support the purchase of materials and supplies for the RELA Program; one time cost	\$25,000
Total			\$250,000

Focus Category	Focus Area	General Description	Anticipated Cost
Remote Learning Support: Radnor Cyber Academy and Blended Learning Support	Radnor Cyber Academy / BVA Partnership	Funds are allocated to support the costs of utilizing Brandywine Virtual Academy as a primary resource to support Radnor online learners; (BVA costs are allocated for 2021-2024)	\$90,000
	Blended Learning Curriculum Development	Funds are allocated to support the continued development of blended learning online course work to support both in-person and remote learning opportunities; 2021-2024	\$80,000
	Network Infrastructure	Equipment to support blended learning in classrooms; 2021-2024	\$230,000
Total			\$400,000

Focus Category	General Description	Anticipated Cost
Staff Retention Bonus	Funds are allocated to recognize RTSD staff who have remained employed and engaged in district operations, respective to their role, for the 2021-2022 school year	\$725,000

PERCENT OF ESSER III ALLOCATIONS BY FOCUS CATEGORY





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SUMMARY OF CHANGES:

Focus Category	Description	Original Budget	Change	Final Budget	Rationale
Student Support Services	Social Worker / BCBA / Counselor	\$300,000	-\$100,000	\$200,000	Funds have been allocated through IDEA (21-22) to cover the staffing and salary costs
Student Support Services	RTSD Counseling audit and corresponding supports 2021-2024	\$850,000	-\$624,365	\$225,635	Potential outcomes of the audit have been considered and included as part of the 22-23 RTSD Budget
Addition: Staff Retention Incentive	Funds are reallocated to recognize RTSD staff who have remained employed and engaged in district operations, respective to their role, for the 2021-2022 school year				\$725,000