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American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Public Notice Requesting Stakeholder Feedback Regarding ESSER III Federal Grant Funding for ISD's

The Port Arthur Independent School District is asking all media outlets to publish our request for stakeholder feedback regarding the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, ESSER III Federal Grant funding for independent school districts. This grant provided funding to the district in two major categories: students' learning loss due to COVID-19 and the safe re-opening of 100% in-person instruction throughout our public school district after nearly 18 months of COVID-19 quarantine concerns. The funding also deals with other areas related to COVID-19 issues such as retaining employees, operational needs of the school district due to COVID-19 issues, and teacher support.

General Specifications of the grant are as follows:

- Time Frame for the grant: Pre-award costs can be re-coded from March 13, 2020 and allowed to spend funds until September 30, 2023. With the Tidings Act, if districts needed to carry over unused funds, they would be allowed to continue spending to September 30, 2024.
- Districts would be required to follow all federal, state and local regulations and requirements for federal grant administration and fiscal spending of funds.
- District entitlement for the grant for the three (3) year period: \$27,646,510.

This plan requires districts to receive feedback from its stakeholders (parents, students, business owners, community leaders, employees) in order to receive the funds. The Port Arthur ISD Stakeholder Feedback survey can be found by clicking on the blue live links located in the middle of the district's website homepage, www.paisd.org, on the third (English version) and fourth (Spanish version) "Google Slide" tabs. The deadline to complete the survey is at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 1, 2021.

Screenshots of the tabs are attached to the email sent with this press release.

For more information, contact Phyllis Geans at 409-989-6100.

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