

## MSD of Wabash County: Federal COVID-19 Relief Spending

Across Indiana, \$2.8 billion in federal funding has been allocated to local school districts to help address schools' COVID-19-related needs.

Here at MSD of Wabash County, we have been allocated \$2,681,232 from three rounds of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding – which is based on the district's share of the state's Title I allocation – and federal Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds.

Over the last two years, we developed plans for how to strategically and sustainably deploy these funds to successfully accelerate student learning, support our educators, make a sustainable impact on innovation across our schools, and update technology and other infrastructure.

Through our locally-developed plans, we are investing in –

- Empowering creative, community-level internet connectivity solutions including devices and prep-paid hot spots
- Providing educator training and curriculum curation options to maximize quality of virtual and in-person education delivery
- Accelerating learning to address learning loss that occurred due to school disruptions including curricular resources and extending the school year through leveraging high-intensity summer school
- Supporting students' social and emotional learning through hiring additional counselors/deans and providing staff training in SEL
- Promoting student safety through activities related to reducing virus transmission, Personal Protective Equipment, reducing other health hazards, increasing playground equipment for our preschools, and improving indoor air quality
- Offering financial support for our staff who worked additional hours to support students' safety and learning during the COVID-19 pandemic

Looking ahead, we will continually monitor ongoing expenditures and adjust the grants, as necessary. Per federal law, we have through September 2022 to encumber the first round of ESSER funding and through September 2023 and September 2024, respectively, to encumber the second and third rounds of their ESSER grants.

Funds are available for all school districts through a reimbursement process for approved expenses in the spending plan. Track MSD of Wabash County's current uses and reimbursements of these funds [here](#).

For more information on MSD of Wabash County's federal COVID-19 relief funding, please contact [Tim Drake](#).