

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EMMETT #221



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Community opinions sought on how Emmett School District should spend federal COVID funds

Superintendent Craig Woods is scheduled to review community discussions with the Board of Trustees during the regular monthly meeting, set for 6 pm Monday, July 12.

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As you know, the Emmett School District has received federal funds to mitigate costs related to COVID. We've tried our best to use the funds appropriately and gained approval at the state level before spending any of those monies.

ESSER III funds for the Emmett School District amount to just over \$4.5 million and can be spent over a three-year period. Like the other ESSER federal funds, it must be spent on COVID-related expenditures. A portion must be spent on learning loss programming. There are 18 buckets or categories where the money can be spent, but again, must be COVID related. We consider this one-time money and won't consider it for ongoing annual expenses.

We will have two meetings on June 29th - 10 am and 6 pm - at Butte View Complex so we can gather community opinions that will help us determine spending priorities and you are invited.

If you are not able to attend one of the meetings, you are welcome to email your suggestions to info@isd221.net. These meetings will not be livestreamed and we won't be taking comments from Facebook. [You can review the draft here.](#)

<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Meetings/Attachment.aspx?S=36030867&AID=19546&MID=704>

A few folks have already asked if we can use the funds to complete some of the projects outlined in the May bond. Sadly, we can't, unless we can justify the project as a way to mitigate future COVID outbreaks. We did find two ways to cover capital projects with earlier ESSER funds:

- By moving the District Office out of the Butte View Complex next week, we free up 5 classrooms and provide ample space to separate students into smaller groups if another virus outbreak occurs. It also restores the school library that is currently used for district personnel and provides a much larger space for students to visit the library. The District Office will move next week to the office building at 119 N. Wardwell Ave. That was purchased for \$490,000 or \$89 a square foot. The new office space also provides individual space for employees sharing space as they do now.



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- Use \$400,000 to cover some of the Ola School remodel expenses. The remodel remediates the building, removing dry rot and improving the ventilation system. Students should be able to return to the remodeled school this fall.

We could consider these two projects.

- One possible project - although very expensive and greatly reduces flexibility for the ESSER III funds - is to replace the HVAC system at the Middle School. The new system would improve the ventilation system for students.
- Bacterial resistant doors for an estimated cost is \$120,000 and would cover doors in the following buildings: EHS, EMS, Butte View Elementary, and Sweet.

The categories include:

1. Federal Title Requirements:
2. IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)
3. Adult Family Literacy
4. Carl Perkins (Technical Education)
5. Coordinate Partnerships
6. ELL MV At Risk (English Language Learning and McKinney-Vento)
7. Response Local Education Agencies
8. Sanitation Training
9. Purchasing Sanitation Supplies
10. Planning for Long-term Closures
11. Technology Purchasing
12. Mental Health Services - Community School
13. Planning & Implementing Summer Learning and Supplemental After School Programs
14. Learning Loss: Students at Risk
15. Repairs (Maintenance) [ESSER Use of Funds FAQ](#)
16. Air Quality Management
17. Protocols
18. Other Activities



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