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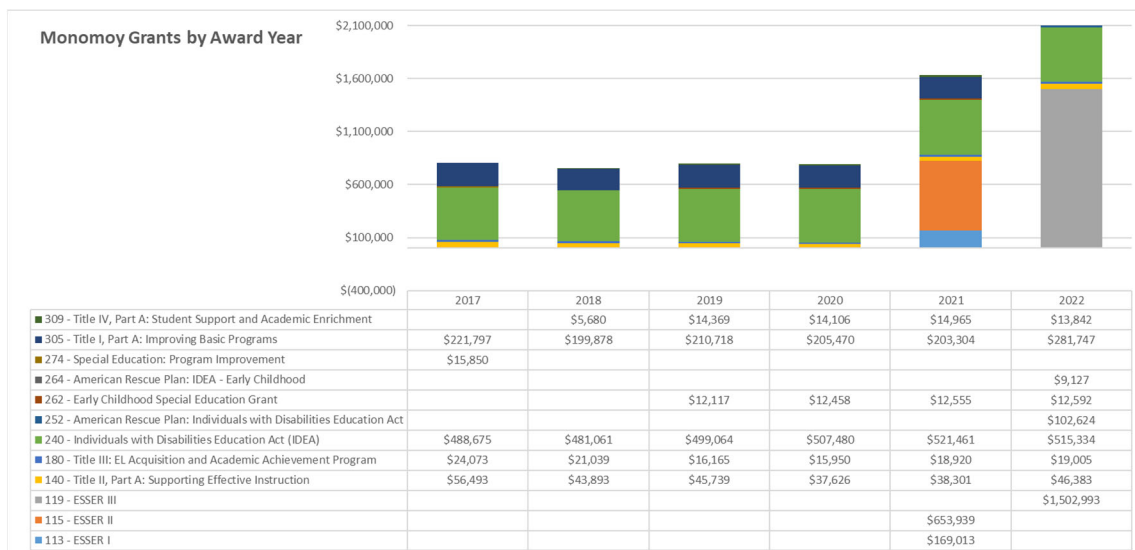
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To: Monomoy Regional School Committee
From: Michael MacMillan
Date: 10/6/2021
Re: ESSER Funds Update

ESSER Funding

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds, known as ESSER III, for school districts. These funds are in addition to two previous funds known as ESSER I and ESSER II. Combined, the ESSER funds, include over \$2.3m in funding for the district.

The chart below shows federal grants in recent years and the scale of the impact these ESSER funds will have on the district's grant funding.



The ESSER funds are provided to districts to assist with the response to the impact of COVID. This includes direct measures to combat the health risks of COVID, and measures to tackle the ongoing academic and social and emotional impact of COVID and the related school closures.

Timing

Although the grant awards for the ESSER I and II funds were made in FY21, and the ESSER III grant award will be made this year, the funds can be spent over multiple years:

Federal ESSER-1 (FC113)	Award: \$169,013	9/30/22
Federal ESSER-2 (FC115)	Award: \$653,939	9/30/23
Federal ESSER-3 - TBC	Award: \$1,502,993	9/30/24

Plan for the Use of Funds

Monomoy RSD's plan for the use of these funds is focused on the long term impact of the COVID crisis on the academic and social and emotional wellbeing of students. The federal government created the ESSER grants in part to assist districts with returning to in person learning. However, although there continue to be ongoing nursing and related costs, Monomoy has largely completed this process and all students are back in the classroom.

The majority of the ESSER funding in Monomoy will go to three critical areas: Math and English Language Arts intervention to support students who may have fallen behind due to COVID, mental health and behavioral supports for students, and facility upgrades to reduce risk of infection among staff and students. For example, the ESSER I and II funds have been used to fund a number of critical programs, including summer school, instructional interventionists, and HVAC improvements.

The ESSER III application which was submitted on October 4th, included the following projects to be undertaken over the next three years:

PROJECT	ESTIMATED TOTAL BUDGET
Ongoing funding for Math and English Language Art interventionists.	\$521,818
A district wide curriculum and instruction specialist to oversee the district's focused support.	\$217,153
Additional nursing staff, adjustment counselor, and social worker, and other support for families.	\$358,223
Transportation for after school & summer programs.	\$101,481
HVAC equipment upgrades and repairs	\$90,000
Installation of contactless water fountains.	\$48,000
A passenger van for community work placements.	\$35,000
Upgrade of custodial cleaning equipment.	\$25,000
<i>Indirect costs and benefits</i>	<i>\$106,318</i>

It will be possible for the district to make amendments to the planned ESSER expenditure throughout the life of the grants. As more information becomes available on the impact of COVID and the effectiveness of interventions, the district administrative team will review the planned expenditure to ensure the funds are used in the best possible way.

Michael MacMillan
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