

ARP ESSER III Spending Plan

School District 155 will receive roughly \$5.2 million in American Rescue Plan funding to address the impact COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary schools over the FY22, FY23, and FY24 school years. The grant requires the school to provide services to students and teachers in alignment with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. One requirement of the plan is to make a plan for a safe return to in person instruction publicly available within 30 days of receiving the funding allocation. The district is also required to post the plan and intended use of grant funds on the Districts website.

District 155 plans to use the three year grant funding allocation in the following ways:

1. Implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are in line with the most recent CDC guidance in order to continuously and safely operate school for in-person learning.
 - a. Air Quality and Asbestos Testing
 - b. Increased filtration and HVAC maintenance
2. Use not less than 20% of the total allocation to address the academic impact of lost instructional time.
 - a. Promote continued opportunities and expand after school and summer enrichment programs
 - b. Support program and enrichment and school planning for long term closures
 - c. Purchase of educational support to plan for academic impacts of lost instructional time.
3. Support educators and other school staff, as well as retain staffing patterns while enrollment stabilizes.
 - a. Provide additional social workers and counselors
 - b. Provide additional staffing and supervision at arrival and dismissal as students begin to reenter the in person learning
4. Purchase supplies and materials for student learning needs.
 - a. Purchasing of new curriculum, equipment, and technology.
5. Purchase supplies and materials to maintain the cleanliness of school facilities.
 - a. Provide masks, cleaning supplies, and disinfectants
 - b. Continue implementing Covid-19 procedures
6. Hire additional staff to support the reopening of school facilities for in-person learning.
 - a. Provide additional nurses and resource officers
7. Address capital projects and purchasing of equipment to provide continuity of services.
 - a. Repair/improve facilities to reduce risk of virus transmission
 - b. Purchase equipment to promote distancing
 - c. Create outdoor learning and physical play spaces