ESSER ARP Recommendations

Presented by the Public Stakeholder Advisory Committee and Pittsburgh Public Schools Administration

Monday, October 18, 2021



Pittsburgh Public Schools' Vision

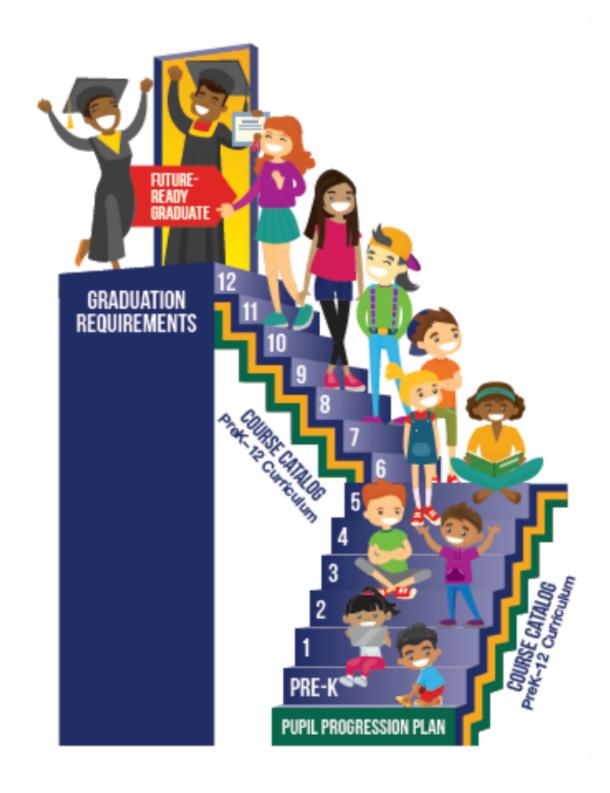
District Vision

All students will graduate high school, college, career and life-ready prepared to complete a two-or four-year college degree or workforce certification.

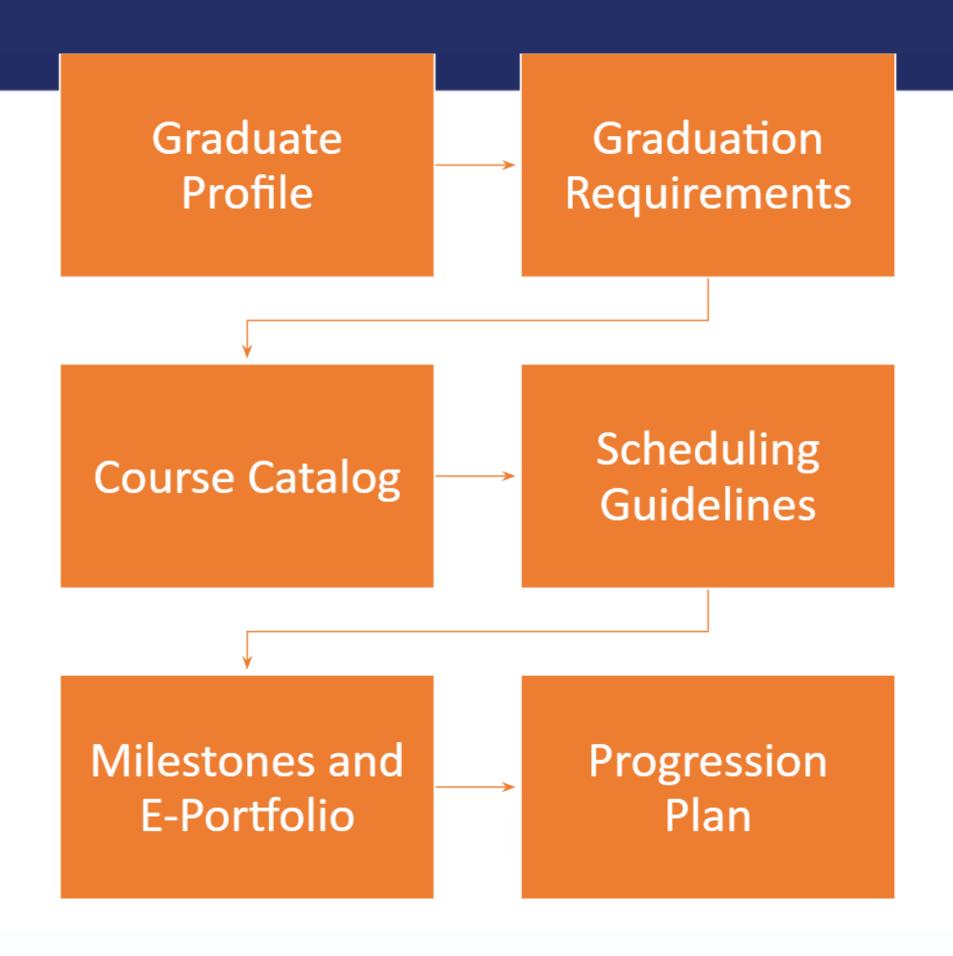
District Misson

The Pittsburgh Public Schools will be one of America's premier school districts: student-focused, well-managed, and innovative.

We will hold ourselves accountable for preparing all children to achieve academic excellence and strength of character, so that they have the opportunity to succeed in all aspects of life.



Formulating Pathways for Students to Achieve the Graduate Profile and PPS Vision



Future-Ready PPS Graduate Profile

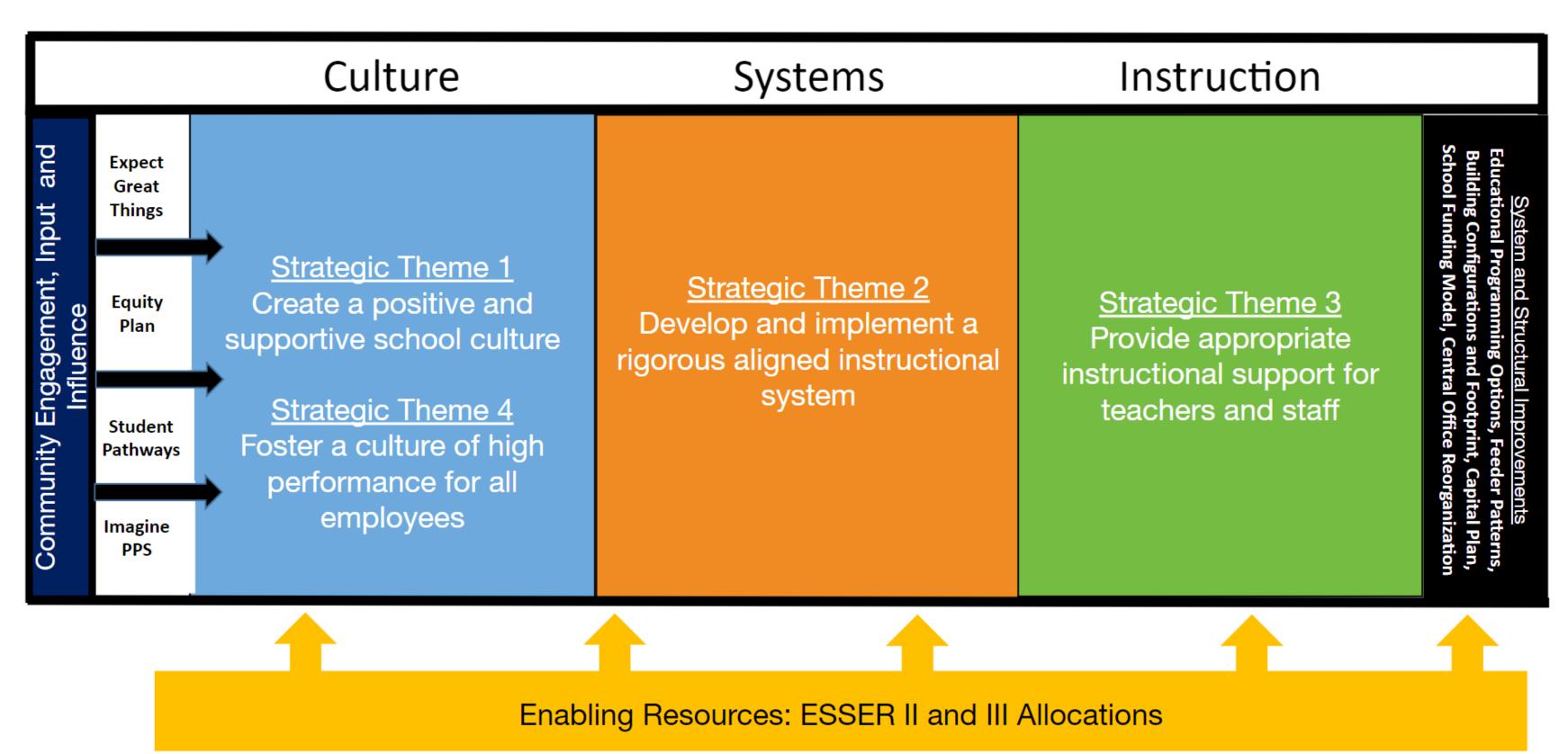




Pittsburgh Public Schools' future-ready graduates are lifelong learners who are academically prepared, fundamentally capable, and globally and civically engaged to complete a two- or four-year college degree or workforce certification and can contribute to the local and global community.



Strategic Priorities 2017-2026



Basic Facts

- PPS allocation is \$100,207,995
- Allowable uses:
 - ✓ Safe, In-person Schooling and Continuity of Services
 - ✓ Facilities & Grounds Upgrades
 - ✓ Social-Emotional Learning, Trauma-Sensitive Schools, Health & Wellness
 - ✓ Staff Recruitment, Support and Retention
 - ✓ Academic Recovery and Acceleration
 - √ Family and Community Partnerships
 - ✓ Systemic Equity
- US Dept of Education Fact Sheet
- PDA Approved State Plan

BOLDFACE reflects areas for which at least 20% of the funding must be targeted.



Equity empowers.

Our recommendations equitably impact all students attending Pittsburgh Public Schools.



Public Stakeholder Advisory Committee (PSAC) Members

- Tonyaneka Azzem District 1, Parent
- Ashish Badjatia District 2, Parent
- James Fogarty District 3, Parent
- Ali Patterson District 4, Parent
- Chris Richards District 5, Parent
- Colleen Geletko District 6, Parent
- Mindy Payne District 7, Parent
- Jala Rucker District 8, Parent
- Cecilia Ware District 9, Parent
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- Bill Gallagher District 6, School Board member
- Kevin Carter District 8, School Board member
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- Molly O'Malley Pittsburgh Administrators Association
- Patti Camper Pittsburgh Administrators Association
- Jeremiah Dugan Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers
- Dwayne Barker Take a Father School Day Committee
- Jessica Spradley Early Childhood representative
- Paulette Foster Local Taskforce on the Right to Education
- Tyrique Whitson Superintendent's Student Advisory Council
- Morgan Snyder Superintendent's Student Advisory Council

The committee and administration worked jointly through the past two months to create our committee recommendations.



Proposal Development & Evaluation by Public Stakeholder Advisory Committee

30 Proposals developed by PSAC committee members.

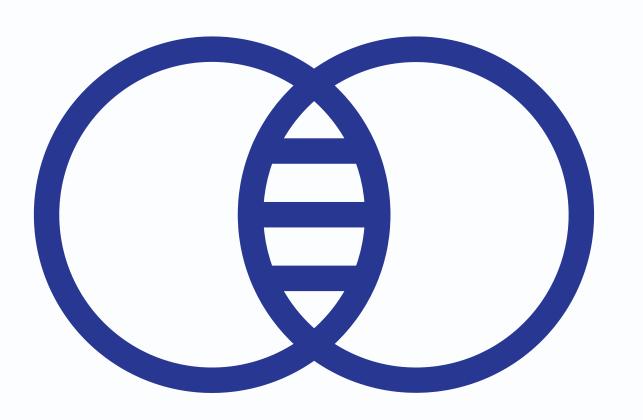
- Members worked quickly and diligently to develop a process to collect proposals and a rubric to assess them.
- The committee discussed and evaluated proposals to identify overlapping concepts and scored each proposal for compliance with the guidance pushed forward by the ESSER ARP legislation.
- Proposals focused on meeting immediate student needs, as well as creating long-term solutions for the district.

Our ESSER ARP Rubric ensures all proposals met guidelines.

- Each proposal was evaluated to assess which vulnerable populations it would address.
- All proposals were identified to meet ARP/ESSER narrative and guidelines for targeted populations including addressing learning loss, chronic absenteeism and social and emotional well being.
- Evidence and research was conducted to support each proposal.
- Members submitted proposals and completed the rubric using a Google form.
- Members worked together to edit recommendations and aligned them to the PPS Graduate Profile based on administration feedback.

Identifying overlap in PSAC and Administrative Proposals

On September 20, 2021, September 30, 2021 and October 14, 2021 the committee met with members of administration to identify shared ideas within individual proposals.



Categories for Proposals:

The subcommittee including administration was guided by internal discussions and a review of the public engagement sessions to create three main categories for our proposals: Unfinished Learning and Acceleration, Social-Emotional Learning & Mental Health Supports, Capital & Equipment Costs, as well as a catchall category for proposals which did not fit in the categories.









Unfinished Learning and Acceleration

Social-Emotional Learning and Mental Health Supports

Capital & Equipment Costs

Other Proposals

Unfinished Learning and Acceleration Proposals

- Instructional materials
- Summer Boost & COVID Compensatory Services
- Tutoring
- K-3 Literacy Support
- Teacher Academy plus additional teacher development
- College and career readiness
- Justice Scholars/Early College in high school

Social-Emotional Learning and Mental Health Proposals

- Restorative practices
- Restorative safe passages
- Youth court
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Counselor training
- Student Assistance Program (SAP) supports
- Therapy supports
- Coaching stipends for Association of Black Psychologists
- School and staff wellness
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL) integration with aligned curriculum
- Savings our Sons and Daughters programming
- Student clubs
- Before and after school supports
- After school transportation

Capital and Equipment Proposals

- Capital improvements
- Therapy Pool at Pioneer
- District wide IT security
- District wide virtual desktop

Other proposals

Continuity of Services

Transportation

PPE & COVID Mitigation

Other

- General staff supports
- Adult/student ambassadors
- COVID cabs
- Parent transportation
- Signage, PPE, HEPA
- COVID Tracking support
- Evaluation
- Grant writers and partnerships district-wide
- Implementation and Infrastructure Capacity Building



ESSER ARP Recommendations

A review of recommendations submitted by PSAC and PPS administration.

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Proposal I Instructional Materials

PPS
Recommendation(s)

PSAC
Recommendation(s)
4 & 7

Proposed Budget

ESSER III \$14,107,161

PDE Allocation - LL \$2,892,161

General Fund \$1,000,000

TOTAL \$18,000,000

Supports

Social Studies, Science, Arts, Health/PE, ESL, New Courses to help students become College, Career and Life Ready.

Invest

High-quality, culturally authentic and relevant instructional resources, supports, and curriculum aligned to state and national standards to ensure students can compete globally.

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared	Fundamentally Capable	Globally & Civically Engaged
Knowledge in Content	Critical & Creative Thinkers and Problem Solvers	Personally and Socially Grounded
Financial, Foundational and Technology Literate	Effective Communicators and Collaborators	Committed to Social Justice
Researchers	Growth Minded	Culturally Driven

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Proposal 2 Summer BOOST & COVID-19 Compensatory Services

PPS
Recommendation(s)
2

PSAC
Recommendation(s)

Enhance evidencedbased interventions, resources, supports and scaffolds

- Summer Learning Opportunities will be provided to mitigate learning Loss and accelerate student learning.
- COVID-19 Compensatory Services (CCS) are services as determined by an (IEP) team needed to remedy a student's skill and/or behavior loss and/or lack of progress that resulted from an LEA's inability to provide FAPE during the extended school closure.

Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$3,387,370

PDE Allocation - Summer

\$1,112,630

TOTAL

\$4,500,000

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Financial, Foundational and

Technology Literate

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

Knowledge in Content

Effective Communicators and Collaborators

Personally and Socially
Grounded

Unfinished I and Acc

Proposal 3 Tutoring

PPS
Recommendation(s)
3

PSAC
Recommendation(s)

Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$5,183,886

TOTAL

\$5,183,886

Unanimous Support for Tutors

- Extensive K-12 tutoring plan
- Students in grades 9 and 10 will have an opportunity to participate in a PPS Saturday Enrichment Program.
- Students in grades 11 and 12 will have an opportunity to participate in a PPS Evening Program.

Raise tutor compensation Appropriate compensation lev

Appropriate compensation levels to attract tutors.

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

Knowledge in Content

Critical & Creative Thinkers and Problem Solvers

Personally and Socially

Effective Communicators and Collaborators

Researchers

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Proposal 4 K-3 Literacy Support

PPS
Recommendation(s)
4

PSAC
Recommendation(s)
2

Utilize Structured Literacy training to improve ELA Education

Provide structured literacy training for all relevant faculty and tutors to support teachers across all content areas when implementing literacy strategies.

Reading Horizons training for all relevant faculty.

Ready Gen is not a phonics-based curriculum, and decoding and comprehension are separated from one another.

Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$2,054,948

PDE Allocation - Reading

\$445,052

TOTAL

\$2,500,000

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Knowledge in Content

Critical & Creative Thinkers and Problem Solvers

Financial, Foundational and Technology Literate

Researchers

Fundamentally Capable

Critical & Creative Thinkers and Problem Solvers

Effective Communicators and Collaborators

Growth Minded

Globally & Civically Engaged

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Proposal 5 Teacher Professional Development

PPS
Recommendation(s)
5

PSAC
Recommendation(s)

Enhance on-demand professional learning

Teachers and support staff will engage in professional learning on the art and science of teaching designed to ensure students have access to high-quality, culturally authentic and relevant instruction and individualized support that integrates technology to transform teaching and learning

Invest in PD to Support:

Students with exceptionalities, English Learners, content knowledge for core academic areas, social and emotional learning, academic college-readiness, advanced placement, early childhood, literacy, lesson plan development, differentiated instruction, and equitable grading practices.

Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$2,443,685

PDE Allocation - SEL PD

\$556,315

TOTAL

\$3,000,000

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically PreparedFundamentally CapableGlobally & Civically EngagedKnowledge in ContentCritical & Creative Thinkers
and Problem SolversFinancial, Foundational and
Technology LiterateEffective Communicators
and CollaboratorsCommitted to Social
JusticeResearchersGrowth MindedCulturally Driven

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Proposal 6 © College and **Career** Reddiness

Recommendation(s)

PSAC Recommendation(s)

Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$1,002,700

TOTAL

\$1,002,700

Funding for Districtwide College and Career Readiness

- College in High School expanded to all high schools
- PSAT/SAT/ACT Prep Available to all students - target for in-school preparation
- Career Exploration Activites

"All students will graduate, high school college, career, and life-ready prepared to complete a two-or four-year college degree or workforce certification"

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Financial, Foundational and

Technology Literate

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

Knowledge in Content

Effective Communicators

Personally and Socially

and Collaborators

Proposal 7 Justice Scholars & Early © College in High © School

Recommendation(s)

PSAC Recommendation(s)

Justice Scholars Institute

- Partnership with Pitt's CHS program
 Rigorous college prep program

Beneficiaries - students of

- Milliones
- Westinghouse
- Perry

Proposed Budget

PDE Allocation - AS

\$100,000

TOTAL \$100,000

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

Personally and Socially

Grounded

Knowledge in Content

Effective Communicators

Committed to Social

and Collaborators

Justice

Proposal 8 Family & Staff Family & Stair Engagement / Communication PPS Recommendation(s) PS C Recommendation(s)

29

Invest in Building Parent and Care Giver Capacity

Launch Multiple Models for Two-way Collegial and **School Community** Communication

Academically Prepared Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$500,000

TOTAL

\$500,000

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

DOES NOT APPLY

Proposal 9 Restorative Practice

PPS
Recommendation(s)
8

PSAC
Recommendation(s)

Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$500,000

TOTAL

\$500,000

Expand and Deepen Restorative Practices Across the District Includes a stipend for teachers and training

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

Personally and Socially Grounded

Committed to Social Justice

Culturally Driven

Menta Proposal 10 SEL and Restorative Safe Passages

PPS
Recommendation(s)

PSAC
Recommendation(s)
10

Implement Restorative Safe Passages

Reduces violent behaviors to, from and in school. This was implemented with success at Morrow.

Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$275,000

TOTAL

\$275,000

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

Personally and Socially Grounded

Effective Communicators and Collaborators

Committed to Social Justice

Culturally Driven

Proposal 11 Youth Court Initiative

PPS
Recommendation(s)

PSAC
Recommendation(s)
10

Accelerate Youth Court Implementation

- Students who serve on Youth Courts will gain critical thinking, conflict resolution, public speaking, and civic engagement skills.
- Already piloted at Brashear, this would accelerate the implementation to all high schools and 6-12 schools.

Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$1,823,000

TOTAL

\$1,823,000

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Knowledge in Content

Critical & Creative Thinkers and Problem Solvers

Personally and Socially Grounded

Financial, Foundational and Technology Literate

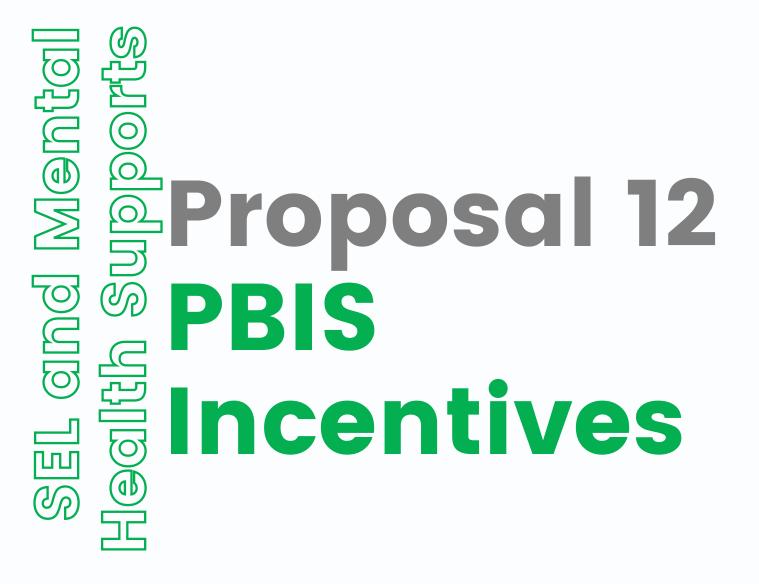
Fundamentally Capable

Critical & Creative Thinkers Personally and Socially Grounded

Communicators

Committed to Social Justice

Researchers



PPS
Recommendation(s)
10

PSAC
Recommendation(s)

Proposed Budget

PDE Allocation - PD

\$108,000

TOTAL

\$108,000

Funding Program Incentives

 PBIS is an evidence based, three-tiered framework for improving student outcomes

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Knowledge in Content

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

Personally and Socially Grounded

Strodding Proposal 13 Strodding Proposal 13 Counselor Training Training

PPS
Recommendation(s)

PSAC
Recommendation(s)

Proposed Budget

PDE Allocation - PD

\$48,000

TOTAL

\$48,000

Funding for ASCA Training

- Comprehensive Districtwide
 Training for school counselors
- Allocate professional development days for all school counselors and provide support, access, and logistical coordination throughout the two-year program

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

Personally and Socially Grounded

Committed to Social Justice

Culturally Driven



PPS
Recommendation(s)
12

PSAC
Recommendation(s)

Proposed Budget

PDE Allocation - PD

\$260,125

TOTAL

\$260,125

Stipends for School-based Outreach

Stipend to one staff member per school

Stipends for SAP Data and Monitoring Responsibilities

Stipend to one staff member

Stipend for SAP team members

Five per school

Funding for District SAP training

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Knowledge in Content

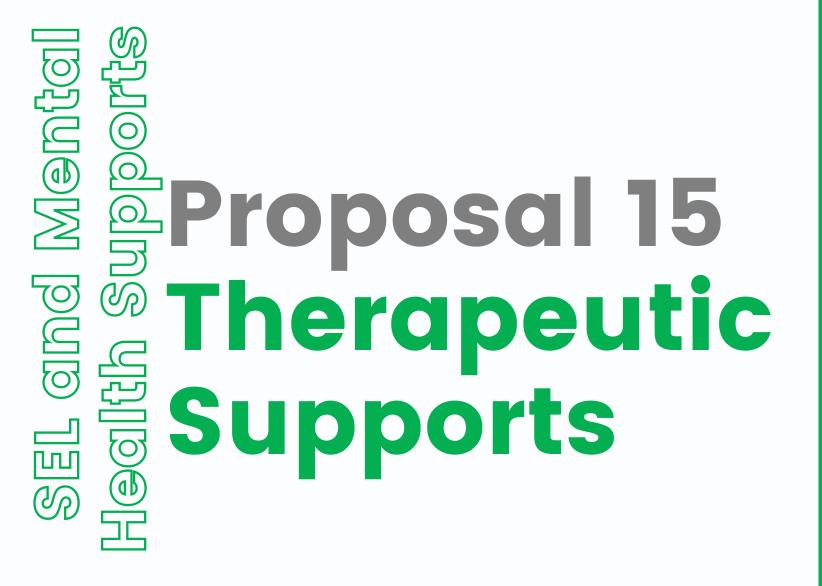
Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

Personally and Socially Grounded

Committed to Social Justice

Culturally Driven



PPS
Recommendation(s)

PSAC
Recommendation(s)
9

Proposed Budget

ESSER III \$1,000,000

PDE Allocation - SEL \$1,002,032

TOTAL \$2,002,032

Implement a Request For Proposal Process to Contract for Dedicated Therapeutic Services for Students Across the District.

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

DOES NOT APPLY

SEL and Menta Proposal 16 Strategic PD & Wellness Spending **PSAC PPS**

PPS
Recommendation(s)

PSAC
Recommendation(s)

Association of Black Psychologists Coaching Stipends

Staff Well-Being

School Wellness coordinator stipends

SEL Integration and Curriculum Alignment

Proposed Budget

PDE Allocation - SEL PD

\$250,789

TOTAL

\$250,789

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

DOES NOT APPLY

Proposal 17 South Saving Our Sons and Daughters

PPS Recommendation(s)

PSAC Recommendation(s) 11

develop coping skills.

A SEL program focused on

teaching students how to

Saving Our Sons &

resolve conflict and

Daugthers

Proposed Budget

PDE Allocation - SEL AS

\$269,000

TOTAL

\$269,000

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

Critical & Creative Thinkers and Problem Solvers

Personally and Socially Grounded

Effective Communicators and Collaborators

Committed to Social Justice

Culturally Driven

Proposal 18 Student Clubs

PPS
Recommendation(s)

PSAC
Recommendation(s)
16

Proposed Budget

PDE Allocation - SEL AS

\$468,375

TOTAL

\$468,375

Boost funds for Student Clubs

- \$25 per student to apply to any club of the student's choice
- Implementation might include a match provided the student raises an equivalent amount.

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

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Proposal 19 "Community Schools" Supports

PPS
Recommendation(s)
17 & 18

PSAC
Recommendation(s)
9, 12 & 15

Request For Proposal process for local providers to provide school level supports

- Includes a stipend for teachers and non-community schools
- Transportation enables students to participate in afterschool activities
- Equalize levels of support among all PPS schools

Proposed Budget				
ESSER III	\$5,775,245			
PDE Allocation - SEL AS	\$275,255			
TOTAL	\$6,050,500			

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile				
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Researchers	Growth Minded	Culturally Driven		

Proposal 20 Capital Improvements

PPS
Recommendation(s)
20

PSAC
Recommendation(s)
13

Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$17,000,000

TOTAL

\$17,000,000

Capital Improvements at PPS schools

Include Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system repairs, upgrades & replacements, window & door replacement projects, roof & building improvements, and hazardous material remediation.

Pittsburgh Pioneer Aquatherapy Pool

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

Personally and Socially Grounded

Growth Minded

Culturally Driven

Proposal 21 General Staff Connort Support

PPS Recommendation(s) 19

PSAC Recommendation(s)

Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$33,700,000

TOTAL

\$33,700,000

Maintaining Schoolbased Staff will create the Normalcy Needed to Allow the District to Address Unfinished Learning and Acceleration.

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged



PPS
Recommendation(s)
21

PSAC
Recommendation(s)

Network Upgrade

Enhancements and

IT Security

Upgrades to Districtwide

With the increase on school district

attacks from hackers it is now more

important than ever to improve our

district security. Includes Firewall,

Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$1,680,000

TOTAL

\$1,680,000

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Penetration Testing, Data Protection, Core

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

Proposal 23 是 Districty Pirtual Districtwide Desktop

PPS Recommendation(s) 22

PSAC Recommendation(s)

Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$1,500,000

TOTAL

\$1,500,000

Replace Existing **Backend Virtual** Desktop Infrastructure

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

6

Proposal 24 Signage, PPE, HEPA Filter Replacement

PPS
Recommendation(s)
23

PSAC
Recommendation(s)

Maintain a Safe Environment for Staff and Students

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

DOES NOT APPLY

Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$500,000

TOTAL

\$500,000

Proposal 25 COVID-19 Tracking Support

Contact Tracing Support Certified Contact Tracer staffing and a FERPA & HIPAA compliant Case Management / Contact Tracing platform, supports with the deployment of a Contact Tracing Support Center.

Proposed Budget

PPS

Recommendation(s)

24

ESSER III

\$1,500,000

PSAC

Recommendation(s)

TOTAL

\$1,500,000

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

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Proposal 26 Transportation Supports

PPS

Recommendation(s) 25, 26, 27

PSAC

Recommendation(s)

Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$325,000

TOTAL

\$325,000

Adult & Student Ambassadors

Provide additional supports to families who have moved to walking or have younger students taking port authority transportation.

COVID Cabs

Student transported home when parent/guardian does not have transportation

Parent Transportation

Provide reimbursement to families who drive their own eligible children to school when the transportation department does not have a driver for their route.

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

Proposal 27 Evaluation

PPS
Recommendation(s)
28

PSAC
Recommendation(s)

Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$1,950,000

TOTAL

\$1,950,000

Short-Term Position & External Evaluators

- Supports District commitments to conduct external evaluations for all of the projects brought into the District through ESSER funds
- Position is responsible for both completion of internal program evaluations and coordination with the external evaluators

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

Proposal 28 Implementation and Infrastructure Capacity Building

PPS
Recommendation(s)
30

PSAC
Recommendation(s)
16

Proposed Budget

ESSER III

\$4,000,000

TOTAL

\$4,000,000

Fund executive advising and coaching Professional Support Structure to Accomplish the Goals Outlined in the District ESSER Plan.

Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

Proposal 29 Grantwriters & Partnerships District-wide Coordination

Grantwriters & Partnerships

- Use existing staff to accomplish this

 two grant writers and community
 school coordinator
- Charged with evaluating all proposals to uncover opportunities to leverage external providers and sources of funds

PPS PSA
Recommendation(s) Recomme

PSAC
Recommendation(s)
15

Proposed Budget

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TOTAL

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Alignment with the PPS Graduate Profile

Academically Prepared

Fundamentally Capable

Globally & Civically Engaged

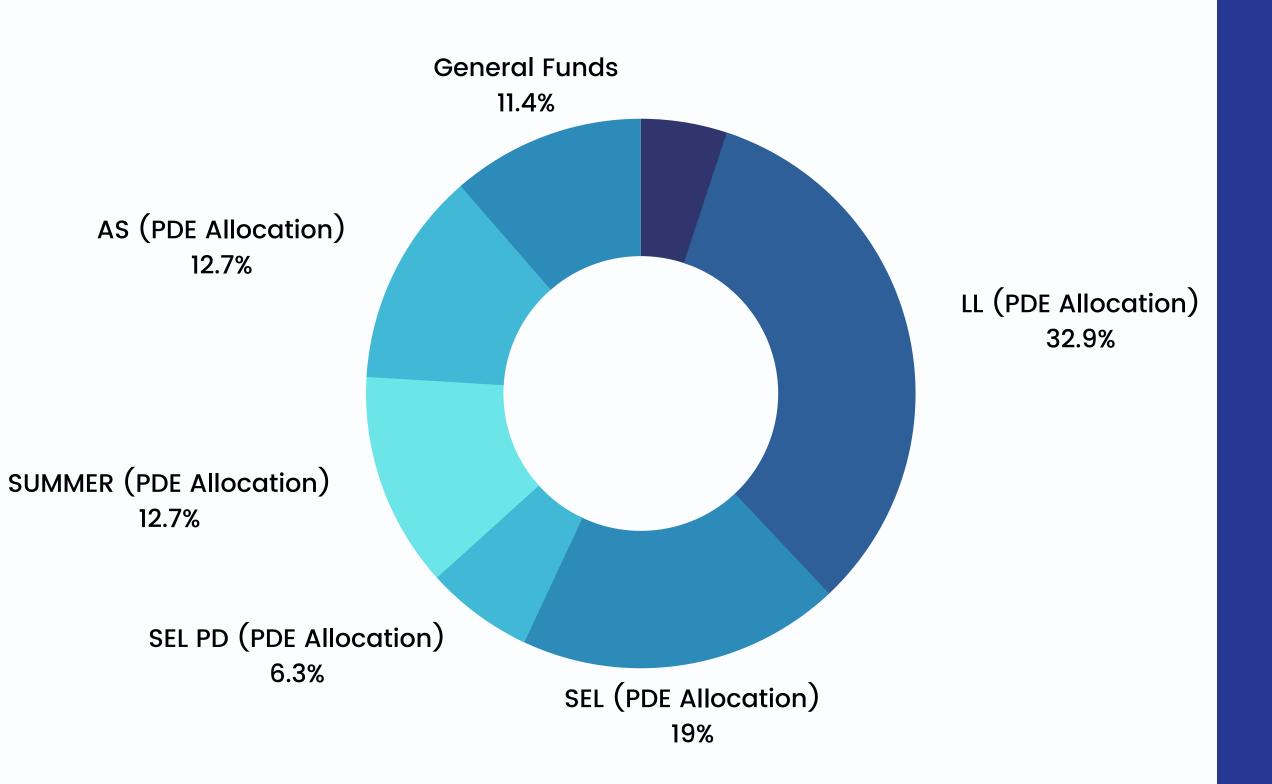
9.4% \$9,373,245	SEL Supports
11.4% \$11,455,000	Other
17.0% \$17,000,000	Physical Plant
28.6% \$28,679,750	Learning Loss

Continuity of Services

33.6%

\$33,700,000

ARP
Allocation
\$100,207,995



Other Sources \$8,788,412

Next steps

- Submit the ESSER III proposal to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- Engage stakeholders in building out detailed implementation plans (this would include the PSAC members and others).
- Educate School communities on ESSER III Projects.

Thank You!

We are honored to represent the more than 20,000 students, their families and community stakeholders of Pittsburgh Public Schools.





Question & Answer Session

