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ARP-ESSER III Funds Use Plan

The American Rescue Plan, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant (ARP ESSER III), authorized under the American Rescue Plan provided funding to support schools in the safe reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Use of ESSER funds by Sherrard Community Unit School District 200 will be in accordance with allowable uses and will be in alignment with the statutory purpose of the program. Below is a consolidated list of allowable uses. These uses will also be utilized during reporting on each of the ESSER funds.

1. Funds will be used to meet SEL and mental health needs of students through the addition of two full-time school counselors.
2. Funds will be used to employ two full-time School-within-a-School teachers and two full-time paraprofessionals to provide classroom instruction to address the unique academic and SEL needs of identified students.
3. Funds will be used to employ two full-time staff members to address the academic needs of students who are failing to meet academic standards.
4. Remaining ESSER funds will be used to focus on health and safety via the replacement of windows and HVAC systems at Winola Elementary School and Matherville Intermediate School.

This plan was developed by engaging in meaningful consultation with stakeholders including school and district administrators, teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators and school staff. Sherrard Community Unit School District 200 will use ARP ESSER III funds to identify, re-engage, and support students most likely to have experienced the impact of lost instructional time on student learning.

Overall plans and policies related to return to in-person instruction are fully defined in the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan.

