

# ESSER II & ESSER III Spending Plan

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# PCHS estimated ESSER II and ESSER III allocation is \$3,193,211

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In December of 2020 and March of 2021, Federal Stimulus Bills were approved that infused trillions of dollars into the US economy

The portion of stimulus funds allocated for education is known as ESSER Funding

- ESSER II: PCHS allocation is **\$985,991**
- ESSER III: PCHS allocation is **\$2,209,99**

PCHS needs to develop a spending plan for the \$3,193,211 of relief funds

The funds must be spent by **September 30, 2024** and have restricted uses

# Allowable Uses of ESSER II/III Funds

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The allowable uses can be found on the CDE website [here](#)

To summarize: PCHS can use the relief funds in the following ways:

- Any increases to support/enhance student learning opportunities or to mitigate learning loss
- Activities to address the unique needs of high needs students\*
- To coordinate emergency preparedness and respond to the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic (on-site and to prepare for long-term closures)
- Facilities: any repairs/improvements to reduce the risk of virus transmission and support student health needs

Some key areas: mental health, training & development, safety, health/wellness, assessments, curriculum development, technology, paraprofessionals, nutrition, retaining staff, etc.

# Overview of COVID Relief Funds

## Federal Relief Funds

## 2021-22 State Budget Relief Funds

\$1.69  
Million

\$985k

\$2.2  
Million

\$969k

\$2.05  
Million

March 2020 Federal  
Stimulus (**ESSER I +  
Learning Loss  
Mitigation Funds**)

Dec 2020 Federal  
Stimulus  
**ESSER II**

March 2021  
Federal Stimulus  
**ESSER III**

2021-22 State Budget  
**In-Person Instruction  
Grant**

2021-22 State Budget  
**Extended Learning  
Grant**

100% Allocated/spent  
mainly on facilitating  
distance learning &  
operational needs (PPE,  
supplies)

TBD

TBD

100% allocated on  
supporting the return to  
campus activities, safety  
& health/wellness

100% allocated on tech,  
PD, mental health,  
extending instructional  
time, tutoring, and  
nutrition.

<b>PCHS ESSER II &amp; ESSER III Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 3,193,211</b>		
<b>Support Strategy</b>	<b>Revised Amount</b>	<b>Obj Code</b>	<b>Desired Outcome</b>
Mental Health	\$ 360,000	5810	Provide additional mental health services in 22-23 & 23-24. Temporary increase of 1.0 FTE in 22-23 and 0.5 FTE in 23-24.
Tutoring	\$ 260,000	2920	Offer expanded hours for in-person and virtual tutoring offering in 22-23 and 23-24 (\$200k). This includes additional tutoring hours (staff/peer tutors) before/during/after school. Also, modernization of study center to create a more inviting and usable space to increase effectiveness of study center (\$60k)
Extending Instructional Learning Time (Sat School, Summer School, virtual learning expansion, instruction during isolation/quarantine periods)	\$ 70,000	1110	Provide additional options for expanding instructional learning time to help support credit deficient students, or to provide instruction during quarantine/isolation periods. Options include increasing virtual academy in 2021-22, Saturday School in 22-23, or additional summer school needs in '23.
Technology	\$ 900,000	4410	21-22 infrastructure needs, audio visual needs, student devices, in-classroom tech needs, charging stations, license/subscription renewal, and additional tech needs to support the technology plan
Counseling & Career Support	\$ 163,000	1110	Additional counselor support in 21-22 and 22-23 including additional hours (80) & PSAT for assessment and/or college readiness (\$43k)
Intervention Support	\$ 290,000	1110	Auxiliaries (up to 9) focused on intervention support: in 22-23 & 23-24 (\$135k) & a temporary intervention counseling support personnel for 21-22 & 22-23 (\$155k)
Paraprofessionals	\$ 305,000	2920	Up to 8 temporary Paraprofessionals through 2023-24, based on need. Focus areas are SpEd aids, Math paraprofessionals or in-classroom support (TA's) to mitigate learning loss and provide additional student support
PD (salary)	\$ 196,000	1110	Additional PD opportunities in 22-23 and 23-24. Both schoolwide and department specific PD as identified by administrative team and department chairs.
PD (conference)	\$ 35,000	5220	Additional PD opportunities in 22-23 and 23-24. Both schoolwide and department specific PD as identified by administrative team and department chairs.
Nutrition	\$ 35,000	4700	Cafeteria infrastructure needs in 21-22 (repairs or equipment upgrades) or additional temporary support staff to help mitigate long lunch lines in 2021-22.
Safety/Operations	\$ 413,000	5810	HVAC, Lighting/Electrical, Student Furniture for Students, PPE/Supplies, Additional Security/Janitorial Staffing, Safety/Security Materials, U-Bldg & Classroom Repairs needed in order to respond to the pandemic and create a safe space for students/staff, etc.
Increasing access to IMA	\$ 120,000	4300	Additional instructional material allocation (IMA) needs for 21-22, 22-23 & 23-24. Allocation is based on need and identified via Department Chairs & Administrators.
Staff support in high need areas	\$ 46,211	2460	Hours allocated towards areas of need to address learning loss: attendance/absenteeism outreach, VAPA technician, copy clerk, etc.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,193,211</b>		

## ESSER III Expenditure Plan

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School districts, county offices of education, or charter schools, collectively known as LEAs, that receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds under the American Rescue Plan Act, referred to as ESSER III funds, are required to develop a plan for how they will use their ESSER III funds. In the plan, an LEA must explain how it intends to use its ESSER III funds to address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as any opportunity gaps that existed before, and were worsened by, the COVID-19 pandemic. An LEA may also use its ESSER III funds in other ways, as detailed in the Fiscal Requirements section of the Instructions. In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include community input and/or actions included in other planning documents, such as the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), provided that the input and actions are relevant to the LEA's Plan to support students.

For more information please see the Instructions.

## Other LEA Plans Referenced in this Plan

Plan Title	Where the Plan May Be Accessed
PCHS Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant	PCHS' ELO grant to supplemental support for students in 2021-22. Plan can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .
2021-2024 Local Control & Accountability Plan (LCAP)	PCHS' LCAP which outlines the school's goals, actions and expenditures to support students in 2021-2022 and the subsequent years. Plan can be found <a href="#">here</a> .

## Summary of Planned ESSER III Expenditures

Below is a summary of the ESSER III funds received by the LEA and how the LEA intends to expend these funds in support of students.

### Total ESSER III funds received by the LEA

\$2,209,919
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Plan Section	Total Planned ESSER III Expenditures
Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning	\$893,000
Addressing Lost Instructional Time (a minimum of 20 percent of the LEAs ESSER III funds)	\$1,316,919
Use of Any Remaining Funds	\$0

### Total ESSER III funds included in this plan

\$2,209,919
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## Community Engagement

An LEA’s decisions about how to use its ESSER III funds will directly impact the students, families, and the local community. The following is a description of how the LEA meaningfully consulted with its community members in determining the prevention and mitigation strategies, strategies to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, and any other strategies or activities to be implemented by the LEA. In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include input received from community members during the development of other LEA Plans, such as the LCAP, provided that the input is relevant to the development of the LEA’s ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

For specific requirements, including a list of the community members that an LEA is required to consult with, please see the Community Engagement section of the Instructions.

A description of the efforts made by the LEA to meaningfully consult with its required community members and the opportunities provided by the LEA for public input in the development of the plan.

PCHS consulted with various stakeholder groups in order to identify areas of immediate need and support.

Specifically, PCHS consulted with parents, pupils, teachers, administrators, classified personnel, and bargaining units (UTLA and PESPU) to develop its ESSER III Expenditure Plan. Specifically, PCHS held public meetings in August, September & October to solicit feedback at the Long-Term Strategic Planning committee (LTSP), and Budget & Finance committee meetings. In addition, PCHS leveraged the Academic Accountability committee, Department Chair meetings and a schoolwide survey in order to identify areas of need and prioritize spending.

A description of how the development of the plan was influenced by community input.

The ESSER III Expenditure Plan was developed in a transparent and collaborative way, with stakeholder input. PCHS leveraged the Long-Term Strategic Planning Committee (LTSP) meeting in March, April & May to solicit feedback for the Local Control & Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant. This feedback was the starting point for our ESSER III discussions. In August of 2021, PCHS held a public meeting at LSTP to solicit stakeholder input. The feedback was then discussed at the August Budget & Finance committee. In September 2021, we developed a schoolwide survey which was reflected of stakeholder feedback and discussed the findings at the September LTSP meeting. The survey results will be shared (names/emails redacted) for complete transparency. In October, the Budget & Finance committee will also discuss the ESSER III spending plan and recommend it for Board approval.

## **Actions and Expenditures to Address Student Needs**

The following is the LEA's plan for using its ESSER III funds to meet students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as how the LEA will address the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic. In developing the plan, the LEA has the flexibility to include actions described in existing plans, including the LCAP and/or Expanded Learning Opportunity (ELO) Grant Plan, to the extent that the action(s) address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

For specific requirements, please refer to the Actions and Expenditures to Address Student Needs section of the Instructions.



## Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning

A description of how the LEA will use funds to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning in a way that reduces or prevents the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

### Total ESSER III funds being used to implement strategies for continuous and safe in-person learning

\$893,000

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
Safe & Positive School Environment (LCAP Gol #3)	Increase in Mental Health Support/Offerings	Provide additional mental health services through 2023-24, including temporary increase of 1.0 FTE in 2022-23 and 0.5 FTE increase in 2023-24.	\$360,000
Safe & Positive School Environment (LCAP Gol #3) & Modernization (LCAP Goal #4)	Immediate Needs to address student/staff safety and operational response to the COVID pandemic	HVAC updates, PPE supplies, U-building & Classroom repairs, and additional temporary staffing to ensure student safety via janitorial/security personnel	\$413,000
Increasing Proficiency & Academic Achievement (LCAP Goal #1)	Increasing access to Instructional Materials (IMA)	Additional instructional material allocation in 2021-22 through 2023-2024 to better engage students, minimize sharing, increase social distancing and support academic achievement.	\$120,000

## Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time

A description of how the LEA will use funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time.

### Total ESSER III funds being used to address the academic impact of lost instructional time

\$1,156,000
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Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
Increasing Proficiency & Academic Achievement (LCAP Goal #1)	Increase tutoring services	Offer expanded hours for in-person and virtual tutoring offering through 2023-24. This includes additional tutoring hours (staff/peer tutors) before, during and after school. Also, maximizing the usage of the study center.	\$260,000
Increasing Proficiency & Academic Achievement (LCAP Goal #1)	Extending Opportunities for Instructional Learning Time	Provide additional options for expanding instructional learning time to help support credit deficient students, or to provide instruction during quarantine/isolation periods. Actions include virtual academy expansion, virtual Saturday School or additional summer school support.	\$70,000
Increasing Proficiency & Academic Achievement (LCAP Goal #1)	Additional Paraprofessionals to provide in-classroom support	Up to 8 temporary paraprofessionals across Special Education and Math departments in order to mitigate learning loss and support high areas of need.	\$305,000
Increasing Proficiency & Academic Achievement (LCAP Goal #1)	Intervention Support	Auxiliaries (up to 9), focused on intervention support through 2023-24 & a temporary intervention counseling support personnel for 21-22 & 22-23.	\$290,000

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
Increasing Proficiency & Academic Achievement (LCAP Goal #1)	Additional Professional Development Opportunities	Professional development (PD) for teachers and staff to increase socio-emotional support in the classroom and to support other growth areas.	\$231,000
Increasing Proficiency & Academic Achievement (LCAP Goal #1) & Safe & Positive School Environment (LCAP Gol #3)	Increase in Counseling & Career Support	Additional counselor support in 2021-22 and 2022-23, including additional hours and college readiness support (PSAT/assessment)	\$160,919

## Use of Any Remaining Funds

A description of the how the LEA will use any remaining ESSER III funds, as applicable.

### Total ESSER III funds being used to implement additional actions

\$0

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## Ensuring Interventions are Addressing Student Needs

The LEA is required to ensure its interventions will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID–19 pandemic. The following is the LEA’s plan for ensuring that the actions and expenditures in the plan are addressing the identified academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of its students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID–19 pandemic.

Action Title(s)	How Progress will be Monitored	Frequency of Progress Monitoring
Increase in Mental Health Support/Offerings	Gauge effectiveness and use of mental health resources. Key metrics will be identified including quantity of students impacts, sub-groups served and qualitative/quantitative data.	Monthly monitoring to track effectiveness of mental health offerings.
Increase tutoring services	Gauge effectiveness and use of tutoring services (and study center). Key metrics will be identified including quantity of students impacts, sub-groups served, hours, and qualitative/quantitative data to confirm effectiveness of tutoring.	Monthly monitoring to track effectiveness of tutoring support offerings.
Extending Opportunities for Instructional Learning Time	Gauge effectiveness and implementation of extended instructional learning time). Key metrics will be identified including quantity of students impacts, sub-groups served, and qualitative/quantitative data to confirm effectiveness of expanded learning time offerings.	Monthly monitoring.

# ESSER III Expenditure Plan Instructions

## Introduction

School districts, county offices of education (COEs), or charter schools, collectively known as local educational agencies (LEAs), that receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, referred to as ESSER III funds, are required to develop a plan for how they will use ESSER III funds to, at a minimum, address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic.

The plan must be adopted by the local governing board or body of the LEA at a public meeting on or before October 29, 2021 and must be submitted for review and approval within five days of adoption. A school district must submit its ESSER III Expenditure Plan to its COE for review and approval; a COE must submit its plan to the California Department of Education for review and approval. A charter school must submit its plan to its chartering authority for review and to the COE of the county in which the charter school operates for review and approval.

In addition, consistent with the requirements of the ARP, Volume 86, *Federal Register*, page 21201, April 22, 2021, the ESSER III Expenditure Plan must be:

- Written in an understandable and uniform format;
- Written in a language that parents can understand, to the extent practicable;
  - If it is not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, the plan must be orally translated for parents
- Provided in an alternative format to a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, upon request; and
- Be made publicly available on the LEA's website.

For additional information regarding ESSER III funding please see the ARP Act Funding web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/cr/arpact.asp>.

For technical assistance related to the ESSER III Expenditure Plan template and instructions, please contact [LCFF@cde.ca.gov](mailto:LCFF@cde.ca.gov). For all other questions related to ESSER III, please contact [EDReliefFunds@cde.ca.gov](mailto:EDReliefFunds@cde.ca.gov).

## Fiscal Requirements

- The LEA must use at least 20 percent (20%) of its ESSER III apportionment for expenditures related to addressing the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs.

- For purposes of this requirement, “evidence-based interventions” include practices or programs that have evidence to show that they are effective at producing results and improving outcomes when implemented. This kind of evidence has generally been produced through formal studies and research. There are four tiers, or levels, of evidence:
  - **Tier 1 – Strong Evidence:** the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented randomized control experimental studies.
  - **Tier 2 – Moderate Evidence:** the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental studies.
  - **Tier 3 – Promising Evidence:** the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented correlational studies (with statistical controls for selection bias).
  - **Tier 4 – Demonstrates a Rationale:** practices that have a well-defined logic model or theory of action, are supported by research, and have some effort underway by a State Educational Agency, LEA, or outside research organization to determine their effectiveness.
- For additional information please see the Evidence-Based Interventions Under the ESSA web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/es/evidence.asp>.
- The LEA must use the remaining ESSER III funds consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act, including for:
  - Any activity authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965;
  - Any activity authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);
  - Any activity authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act;
  - Any activity authorized by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006;
  - Coordination of preparedness and response efforts of LEAs with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments, and other relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19;
  - Activities to address the unique needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, homeless students, and foster youth, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population;
  - Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of LEAs;
  - Training and professional development for staff of the LEA on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases;
  - Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of an LEA, including buildings operated by such agency;
  - Planning for, coordinating, and implementing activities during long-term closures, including providing meals to eligible students, providing technology for online learning to all students, providing guidance for carrying out requirements under

IDEA, and ensuring other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements;

- Purchasing education technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the LEA that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including low-income students and children with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment;
- Providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence-based full-service community schools;
- Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental after school programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of underserved students;
- Addressing learning loss among students, including underserved students, by:
  - Administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable, to accurately assess students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiated instruction,
  - Implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students,
  - Providing information and assistance to parents and families of how they can effectively support students, including in a distance learning environment, and
  - Tracking student attendance and improving student engagement in distance education;

**Note:** A definition of “underserved students” is provided in the Community Engagement section of the instructions.

- School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risks of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs;
- Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and nonmechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door replacement;
- Developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff;
- Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in LEAs and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA.

## Other LEA Plans Referenced in this Plan

In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include community input and/or actions included in other planning documents, such as the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and/or the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant Plan, provided that the input and/or actions address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

An LEA that chooses to utilize community input and/or actions from other planning documents must provide the name of the plan(s) referenced by the LEA and a description of where the plan(s) may be accessed by the public (such as a link to a web page or the street address of where the plan(s) are available) in the table. The LEA may add or delete rows from the table as necessary.

An LEA that chooses not to utilize community input and/or actions from other planning documents may provide a response of “Not Applicable” in the table.

## Summary of Expenditures

The Summary of Expenditures table provides an overview of the ESSER III funding received by the LEA and how the LEA plans to use its ESSER III funds to support the strategies and interventions being implemented by the LEA.

### Instructions

For the ‘Total ESSER III funds received by the LEA,’ provide the total amount of ESSER III funds received by the LEA.

In the Total Planned ESSER III Expenditures column of the table, provide the amount of ESSER III funds being used to implement the actions identified in the applicable plan sections.

For the ‘Total ESSER III funds included in this plan,’ provide the total amount of ESSER III funds being used to implement actions in the plan.

## Community Engagement

### Purpose and Requirements

An LEA’s decisions about how to use its ESSER III funds will directly impact the students, families, and the local community, and thus the LEA’s plan must be tailored to the specific needs faced by students and schools. These community members will have significant insight into what prevention and mitigation strategies should be pursued to keep students and staff safe, as well as how the various COVID–19 prevention and mitigation strategies impact teaching, learning, and day-to-day school experiences.

An LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with the following community members, as applicable to the LEA:

- Students;
- Families, including families that speak languages other than English;
- School and district administrators, including special education administrators;



- Teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and local bargaining units, as applicable.

“Meaningful consultation” with the community includes considering the perspectives and insights of each of the required community members in identifying the unique needs of the LEA, especially related to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Comprehensive strategic planning will utilize these perspectives and insights to determine the most effective strategies and interventions to address these needs through the programs and services the LEA implements with its ESSER III funds.

Additionally, an LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with the following groups to the extent that they are present or served in the LEA:

- Tribes;
- Civil rights organizations, including disability rights organizations (e.g. the American Association of People with Disabilities, the American Civil Liberties Union, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, etc.); and
- Individuals or advocates representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, homeless students, foster youth, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students.
  - For purposes of this requirement “underserved students” include:
    - Students who are low-income;
    - Students who are English learners;
    - Students of color;
    - Students who are foster youth;
    - Homeless students;
    - Students with disabilities; and
    - Migratory students.

LEAs are also encouraged to engage with community partners, expanded learning providers, and other community organizations in developing the plan.

Information and resources that support effective community engagement may be found under *Resources* on the following web page of the CDE’s website: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lc>.

## Instructions

In responding to the following prompts, the LEA may reference or include input provided by community members during the development of existing plans, including the LCAP and/or the ELO Grant Plan, to the extent that the input is applicable to the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. Descriptions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broad understanding among the LEA's local community.

### **A description of the efforts made by the LEA to meaningfully consult with its required community members and the opportunities provided by the LEA for public input in the development of the plan.**

A sufficient response to this prompt will describe how the LEA sought to meaningfully consult with its required community members in the development of the plan, how the LEA promoted the opportunities for community engagement, and the opportunities that the LEA provided for input from the public at large into the development of the plan.

As noted above, a description of "meaningful consultation" with the community will include an explanation of how the LEA has considered the perspectives and insights of each of the required community members in identifying the unique needs of the LEA, especially related to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **A description of the how the development of the plan was influenced by community input.**

A sufficient response to this prompt will provide clear, specific information about how input from community members and the public at large was considered in the development of the LEA's plan for its use of ESSER III funds. This response must describe aspects of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan that were influenced by or developed in response to input from community members.

- For the purposes of this prompt, "aspects" may include:
  - Prevention and mitigation strategies to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning;
  - Strategies to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through implementation of evidence-based interventions (e.g. summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs);
  - Any other strategies or activities implemented with the LEA's ESSER III fund apportionment consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act; and
  - Progress monitoring to ensure interventions address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs for all students, especially those students disproportionately impacted by COVID-19

For additional information and guidance, please see the U.S. Department of Education's Roadmap to Reopening Safely and Meeting All Students' Needs Document, available here: <https://www2.ed.gov/documents/coronavirus/reopening-2.pdf>.

# Planned Actions and Expenditures

## Purpose and Requirements

As noted in the Introduction, an LEA receiving ESSER III funds is required to develop a plan to use its ESSER III funds to, at a minimum, address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Instructions

An LEA has the flexibility to include actions described in existing plans, including the LCAP and/or ELO Grant Plan, to the extent that the action(s) address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. When including action(s) from other plans, the LEA must describe how the action(s) included in the ESSER III Expenditure Plan supplement the work described in the plan being referenced. The LEA must specify the amount of ESSER III funds that it intends to use to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA. Descriptions of actions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broad understanding among the LEA's local community.

## Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning

Provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions related to Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write "N/A".
- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of the action(s) the LEA will implement using ESSER III funds for prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, in line with the most recent CDC guidance, in order to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning.
- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA.

## Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time

As a reminder, the LEA must use not less than 20 percent of its ESSER III funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time. Provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions related to addressing the impact of lost instructional time, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write "N/A".

- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of the action(s) the LEA will implement using ESSER III funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs.
- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA.

### **Use of Any Remaining Funds**

After completing the Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning and the Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time portions of the plan, the LEA may use any remaining ESSER III funds to implement additional actions to address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as to address opportunity gaps, consistent with the allowable uses identified above in the Fiscal Requirements section of the Instructions. LEAs choosing to use ESSER III funds in this manner must provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions with any remaining ESSER III funds, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write "N/A".
- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of any additional action(s) the LEA will implement to address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as to address opportunity gaps, consistent with the allowable uses identified above in the Fiscal Requirements section of the Instructions. If an LEA has allocated its entire apportionment of ESSER III funds to strategies for continuous and safe in-person learning and/or to addressing the impact of lost instructional time, the LEA may indicate that it is not implementing additional actions.
- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA. If the LEA it is not implementing additional actions the LEA must indicate "\$0".

### **Ensuring Interventions are Addressing Student Needs**

The LEA is required to ensure its interventions will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID–19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.

The LEA may group actions together based on how the LEA plans to monitor the actions' progress. For example, if an LEA plans to monitor the progress of two actions in the same way and with the same frequency, the LEA may list both actions within the same row of the table. Each action included in the ESSER III Expenditure Plan must be addressed within the table, either individually or as part of a group of actions.

Complete the table as follows:

- Provide the action title(s) of the actions being measured.
- Provide a description of how the LEA will monitor progress of the action(s) to ensure that they are addressing the needs of students.
- Specify how frequently progress will be monitored (e.g. daily, weekly, monthly, every 6 weeks, etc.).

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# APPENDIX

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