



Date: October 1, 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Ami Ortiz, Director of Business & Finance

Re: Recommendation to approve the 2021-22 ESSER III Expenditure Plan for Gilroy Prep School, Hollister Prep School and Watsonville Prep School

### **Background**

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.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Board to approve the 2021-22 ESSER III Expenditure Plan for Gilroy Prep School, Hollister Prep School and Watsonville Prep School