

# District Profile: ESSER and the coming fiscal cliff | Holyoke School District, MA

This is the last full school year to spend ESSER funds. The district has only this school year to ensure these remaining funds deliver value for students while also planning for operating without this money (aka preparing for the “cliff”).



## ESSER funding for this district

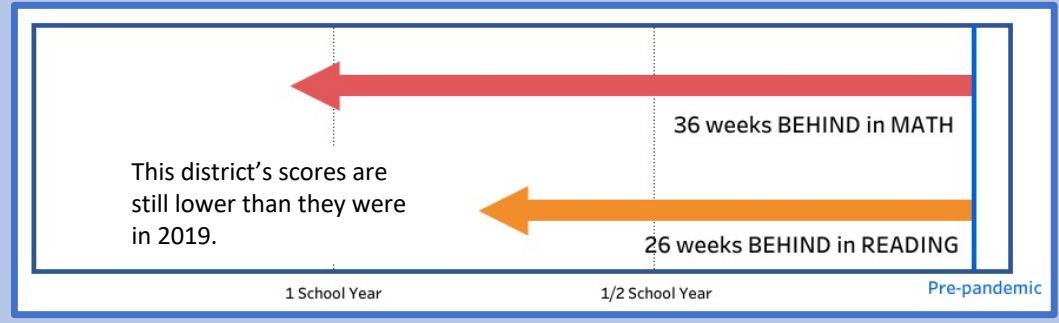
This district received: \$57,919,513 (\$11,717 per student)

Currently the district has

**\$20,788,027 remaining**  
**(\$4,206 per pupil)**

Even where districts have already obligated these remaining funds, leaders must ensure that the dollars bring value for students during the coming year.

## There is still work to do to get this district's students back to pre-pandemic levels



## How big is the ESSER cliff for this district?

As ESSER spending ends, the impact as a portion of annual expenditures

equates to a

**10%**  
**fiscal cliff**

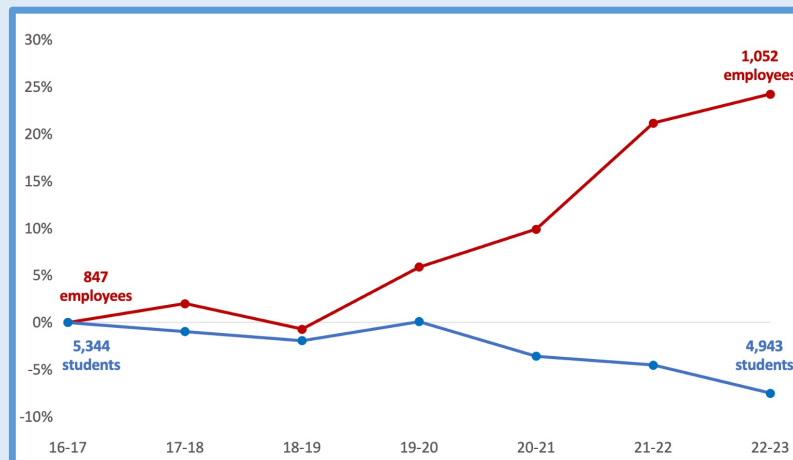
A portion of this cliff may be offset with new resources from state and local sources.

## Addressing this cliff means an estimated

**30-80 FTE positions are at risk**

## Staffing and enrollment trends in this district

Cumulative % change since 2016-17



**staffing +24%**  
**enrollment -8%**

## Looking ahead

- ✓ Intense academic acceleration is needed. Holyoke students are more than 3½ years behind the national average in math, among the lowest in the country.
- ✓ The district has much work to do to invest its available dollars to deliver successful academic outcomes for students.