

Freetown-Lakeville

Plans for the Use of ESSER III Funds:

The United States Department of Education (USED) is requiring two plans from all recipients of ESSER III funds:

1) A plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services
 The requirement for this plan is likely met by your District Reopening Plan submitted to DESE in August of 2020, along with any subsequent amendments (see Tab 3 Assurances). It will need to be revisited and revised as necessary every 6 months, including soliciting stakeholder input and considering changes to CDC guidance.

2) A plan for the Use of ESSER III Funds, based on broad stakeholder input, and addressing the following:

- The district's **prevention and mitigation strategies**, including extent district has adopted CDC recommendations (**Step 4.4**)
- How the district will use its **20% reservation of ESSER III funds to address loss of instructional time with evidence-based interventions (Step 4.2 and Tab 6, Budget)**
- How the district will spend the remainder of its ESSER III funds for **allowable expenditures (Tab 5) and budget (Tab 6)**
- How the use of ESSER III funds will respond to the **academic, social, emotional and mental health needs** of all students, especially **those disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic (Tab 4.2, Tab 4.3)**, including:
 - students from low-income families
 - students of color
 - English learners
 - students with disabilities
 - students experiencing homelessness
 - students in foster care
 - migratory students
 - students who are incarcerated
 - other underserved students

This application, when fully and thoughtfully completed, along with your District Reopening Plans, will constitute the plans required by USED. These plans must be published on your website and must be accessible to families in a language they understand, either translated in writing or orally, as well as in an accessible format for those with disabilities.

You should expect that DESE will be collecting data and other information from you as a result of implementation of your plans for use of ESSER funds.

ESSER III regulations require that the stakeholder groups below be meaningfully consulted as part of the planning process for use of ESSER III funds. Which of the following groups have you consulted with? (check all that apply)	If you have not yet consulted with this group in planning for use of ESSER III funds, when and how do you plan to get their input?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Students	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Families	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School and District administrators, including special education administrators	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School leaders	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teachers	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other educators	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School staff	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unions representing educators and school staff	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tribes*	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil rights organizations (including disability rights organizations)*	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, children experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students.*	

TIP: The cells in the right column will be red until you either 1) check the box next to the stakeholder in the left-hand column or 2) write your plan to consult the stakeholder group in the left-hand column.

*To the extent present in or served by the district

Evidence-Based Strategies, Interventions, and Supports:
 Describe how ESSER III funds, including the required 20% reservation, will be used to respond to students' social, emotional, and academic needs through evidence-based interventions, how progress will be measured, and how/which chosen interventions address disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved subgroups. Select from the following list of evidence-based interventions and provide a narrative at the bottom of this step for any of your district's evidence-based initiatives that are not listed. **Note: Your district's 20% reservation to address loss of instructional time must be spent on evidence-based interventions.**

Enhanced Core Instruction	Our district is using ESSER III funds for this strategy	This strategy will address pandemic-related learning loss/disproportionate impact	What data will you use to measure progress?	Does this strategy/intervention address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, students from low-income families, students with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness and students in foster care)? If yes, please explain which group(s) are being served, what impact is being addressed, and how this strategy/intervention will provide support.
Expanding access to full-day, high-quality prekindergarten	Select	Select		
Purchasing and/or expanding use of high-quality, aligned instructional materials (any content area) and associated professional development	Yes	Yes	District assessments, BAS benchmarking system, ready progress monitoring, MCAS data,	This strategy will address learning loss as measured by district assessments, report cards, MCAS data for all students including ELL, SWD, and students from low income families.
Professional development for teachers and administrators re: culturally responsive teaching	Yes	Yes	Rubrics, classroom walkthrough tools; monitoring participation in professional development series	This strategy addresses all students who have shown an impact to their academic progress due to Covid. The professional development being provided by the Highlander Institute will educate the professional staff on using data to drive instruction, creating culturally responsive classrooms, differentiating instruction in classrooms using technology and small group
Screening assessments and associated professional development (e.g., early literacy screening)	Select	Select		
Expanding access to career-technical education (including "After Dark" district/vocational partnerships), innovation pathways, and advanced placement courses (including fee subsidies and teacher training)	Select	Select		
Extending the school day/year and prioritizing student access to additional time by student need	Select	Select		
Tutoring programs and support, including early literacy tutoring (including training paraprofessionals) and peer tutoring programs.	Select	Select		
Developing or strengthening data cycles to facilitate and inform student learning and associated professional development and support personnel	Select	Select		
Early college programs, particularly those focused on students underrepresented in higher education	Select	Select		
Targeted Student Supports	Our district is using ESSER III funds for:	This strategy will address pandemic-related learning loss/disproportionate impact	What data will you use to measure progress?	Does this strategy/intervention address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, students from low-income families, students with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness and students in foster care)? If yes, please explain which group(s) are being served, what impact is being addressed, and how this strategy/intervention will provide support.
Developing or expanding high quality co-teaching and inclusion models for students with disabilities and associated professional development	Select	Select		
Acceleration academies (during school year vacations) and summer learning opportunities for individualized instruction and enrichment	Yes	Yes	District assessments and end of year academic progress data to determine students who will attend summer learning programs.	Yes this strategy will be afforded to all students who fail to make adequate yearly progress and require summer remediation to
Language support programs, including dual language and heritage language programs (students learning in-home/native language) and associated professional development	Yes	Yes	WIDA scores, district assessments	The purchase of high quality English Language Learner curriculum materials will address english language delays and deficits in
Community-based afterschool programs for parents, including citizenship and ESL classes	Select	Select		
Dropout prevention and recovery programs	Select	Select		
Talent Development and Staffing	Our district is using ESSER III funds for:	This strategy will address pandemic-related learning loss/disproportionate impact	What data will you use to measure progress?	Does this strategy/intervention address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, students from low-income families, students with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness and students in foster care)? If yes, please explain which group(s) are being served, what impact is being addressed, and how this strategy/intervention will provide support.
Academic support staff, including academic coaches, interventionists, student teaching residency programs, paraprofessionals	Yes	Yes	District Assessments, BAS benchmarking system, ready progress monitoring, MCAS data,	Interventionists will provide targeted instructional support to students who experience learning loss in daily instruction.
Diversifying the educator workforce through recruitment and retention strategies	Select	Select		
Strategies to staff hard-to-staff schools and positions with high-performing educators	Select	Select		
Increasing staff and opportunities for arts, enrichment, world languages, athletics, and elective courses	Select	Select		
Increasing high-quality common planning time for teachers and academic support staff	Select	Select		
Developing leadership pipeline programs for schools	Select	Select		

Labor-management partnerships to improve student performance	Select	Select		
Conditions for Student Success - Social/Emotional and Mental Health Supports	Our district is using ESSER III funds for:	This strategy will address pandemic-related learning loss/d disproportionate impact	What data will you use to measure progress?	Does this strategy/intervention address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, students from low-income families, students with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness and students in foster care)? If yes, please explain which group(s) are being served, what impact is being addressed, and how the strategy/intervention will provide support.
Increasing personnel and services to support holistic student needs, including school guidance and adjustment counselors, nurses, psychologists, and/or social workers	Select	Select		
Building/strengthening partnerships with community-based organizations to increase student/family access to services for mental/physical health and well-being	Select	Select		
Working with community-based organizations that provide enrichment during the school day and/or out of school time	Select	Select		
Arranging for wraparound services to be provided at schools	Select	Select		
Engaging community partners to build capacity among educators and support personnel to implement equitable and culturally responsive learning environments	Select	Select		
Create transitional programs, partnering with community based organizations, for students with mental health or behavioral-related absences returning to school	Select	Select		
Parent-teacher home visiting programs to build positive relationships between home and school	Select	Select		
Facilities improvements to create healthy and safe school environments	Yes	Yes	Internal assessment of facility needs that address health and safety of school environments... i.e. HVAC upgrades, air quality systems, window repairs, adjust fans	These facility upgrades specifically address needs based on the impact of Covid on our school environments and keeping students and staff safe and healthy through the updating of our facilities. See CAP Expenditure forms for a more further explanation of our strategy.
Other Interventions/Strategies/Supports Use this section to describe evidence-based strategies your district will fund with ESSER III that are not listed above		This strategy will address pandemic-related learning loss/d disproportionate impact	What data will you use to measure progress?	Does this strategy/intervention address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, students from low-income families, students with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness and students in foster care)? If yes, please explain which group(s) are being served, what impact is being addressed, and how the strategy/intervention will provide support.
Purchasing a Social Emotional Learning program aligned to CASEL standards that will address students social emotional health in the learning environment. These materials will allow teachers and students to address social emotional needs and support students' social emotional health.		Yes	Social Emotional Screening Tool data will be used to address and monitor need as part of the SEL program being purchased.	All learners will benefit from being part of this school wide SEL program. Any students indicating social emotional needs will be provided with support in this area.
Purchasing Chromebooks and Promethean Boards to expand student access to high quality instruction		Yes	MCAS results, student report cards, district level assessments	All learners will benefit from having access to the enhanced technology this provides to support their learning. This purchase addresses learning loss providing an engaging learning tool for our students. These boards will enhance remote, hybrid and/or in-person learning experiences for our students.
		Select		

Equitable Use of ESSER III Funds

How is your district taking educational equity into account when planning for expending your ESSER III funds?
For example,
 1) **allocating funds both to schools and districtwide activities based on student needs, and**
 2) **implementing an equitable and inclusive return to in-person learning by, for example, avoiding over-use of exclusionary discipline and creating a positive and supportive learning environment for all students.**

The majority of our funds are being distributed equally across all schools in the district to address learning loss and social emotional needs due to Covid. Our facility upgrades address schools serving students in grades 4-12.

CDC School Safety Recommendations

This information will come from your District Reopening Plan as well as any supplemental/ revised reopening policies for your district.

CDC Recommendation	Does your district have a policy or policies on this topic?	If "Yes," is it described in your District Reopening Plan?	If you have a policy but it is not described in your District Reopening Plan, please briefly describe here.
1 Universal and correct wearing of masks	Yes	Yes	
2 Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/posting)	Yes	Yes	
3 Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Yes	Yes	
4 Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	Yes	Yes	
5 Contact tracing, isolation, quarantine in collaboration with health departments	Yes	Yes	
6 Diagnostic and screening testing	Yes	Yes	Diagnostic and screening testing protocols are updated weekly via the Superintendent's Corner message sent out to every member of the school community.
7 Efforts to provide vaccination to school communities	Yes	Yes	Vaccine clinics have been held in schools across the district.
8 Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	Yes	Yes	
9 Coordination with state and local health officials	Yes	Yes	

TIP: Note that your district is not required to adopt CDC school safety recommendations to receive ESSER III funds. This data is being collected for reporting purposes.