



ESSER III

Use of Funds

August 23, 2023

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The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) fund provides states and school districts help to safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the nation's students.

ESSER III - WS 108

The American Rescue Plan Act provided \$122.7 million dollars in supplemental ESSER funding to school districts across the country.

- Willow Springs District 108 was awarded a total of \$948,278
 - At least 20% (\$189,656) must be allocated to “Learning Loss”

Allowable Uses

Purchase of supplies to provide a safe working and learning environment

Implementation of summer learning and supplemental after school programs

Providing principals with resources necessary to address the instructional needs of their building

Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, upgrade projects that improve the indoor air quality in school facilities including air conditioning

Timeline

Initial meeting - April 2023

- Special Education staff, EL staff, Building Admin, District Admin

Additional meetings - August/September 2023

- Stakeholders - Staff, Parents, Students

Presented to the Board of Education - August/September 2023

- Survey sent to parents and staff

Allocation of Funds

Learning Loss

Fund allocation:

- \$24,110 for after-school programming, supplies, salaries, and benefits
- \$15,100 for summer school programming, supplies, salaries, and benefits
- \$155,500 for curricular programming, instructional supplies, and diagnostic and curriculum-based assessments
- \$35,000 for professional development for staff in the area of improving instructional strategies and supporting students' academic and social/emotional needs

Purpose: All items will address Learning Loss which has been identified since students have returned to in-person learning.

Technology

Fund allocation:

- \$100,000 for the purchase of student and staff devices to replace outdated equipment and to support annual deployment of devices for students.
- \$5,000 for the purchase of technology tools and equipment to support data-driven discussions in PLCs

Purpose: Purchase of technology devices for students (replacement and new) and staff (replacement and new).

Capital Improvements

Fund allocation:

- \$525,000 to replace two HVAC units to improve air quality and circulation
- \$82,500 to purchased updated cleaning equipment to improve the cleanliness and reduce spread of illness throughout our school

Purpose: To improve air quality, air circulation, and overall sanitation of our school.