

# 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
Extended Learning Opportunities Plan	The ELO Plan is located on the District website at <a href="https://www.williamsusd.net">https://www.williamsusd.net</a>
2021-2022 LCAP	The 2021-2022 LCAP is located on the District website at <a href="https://www.williamsusd.net">https://www.williamsusd.net</a>
SIG Grant	The SIG Grant may be located at the District Office - 260 11th Street, Williams, CA, 95987
LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction	This plan is located on the District website at <a href="https://www.williamsusd.net">https://www.williamsusd.net</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
\$1,350,731

Plan Section	Total Planned ESSER III
Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning	\$926,731
Addressing Lost Instructional Time (a minimum of 20 percent of the LEAs ESSER III funds)	\$274,000
Use of Any Remaining Funds	\$150,000

**Total ESSER III funds included in this plan**

1,350,731

## 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.

During the 2019-20 school year, the district engaged its stakeholders in a process which provided the community with an opportunity to identify priorities for the district's work in moving forward with the 2021-24 LCAP. The engagement process took place between December 2019 and late February 2020, and included School Site Council meetings; the English Learner Parent Advisory Committee (DELAC), other district committees such as the Migrant Parent Advisory Committee (MPAC), California School Employees Association (CSEA) meeting; District Cabinet and Administrators, including Principals; school site English Learner Advisory Committees, School Site Councils; Williams Teachers Association (WTA); and the WUSD Board of Trustees. Other school personnel are included in the meetings listed above. Student input on the LCAP goals, actions, services and prioritization was obtained through meetings with the Leadership class and School Site Council meetings conducted at Williams Jr./Sr. High since students participate in both groups. During these many meetings/input sessions, participants were given a presentation that shared the current LCAP goals (from the previous 3 year LCAP) and the major programs and personnel that were funded through those goals. Participants were tasked with identifying their own priorities from the list and asked to provide their input.

Additionally for the ELO Plan a survey went out to all families, all school staff, and was included on the district's website and Facebook account. The survey intended to establish a priority list of the seven supplemental instruction and support strategies from the CA Department of Education that address student needs and various strategies to implement a learning recovery program for students included in one or more of the following groups: low-income students, English learners, foster youth, homeless students, students with disabilities, students at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, disengaged students, and students who are below grade level including, but not limited to those who did not enroll in Kindergarten in the 2020-2021 school year, credit-deficient students, high school students at risk of not graduation, and other students identified by certificated staff. Opportunities for input included suggestions were submitted via email, google survey, and in person or phone call to a designated staff member. An all call to parents was also provided to let parents know of the need for their input. All communications were both in English and Spanish. Input from the ELAC/DELAC and Site Councils were also included for feedback and suggestions.

The Williams Unified School District evaluated its stakeholder engagement opportunities and determined that Civil Rights Groups, Tribes, or Advocates are neither present nor served by the LEA.

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

Once the community's priorities were established, district staff used the identified priorities, along with several foundational documents (the previous LCAP and district goals, the California English Learner Roadmap, etc.), to review/revise the plan. Over several weeks groups were consulted on the drafted goals, including school site administrators, the DELAC, ELACs, School Site Council parents, students and the WUSD Board of Trustees. SELPA consultation was accomplished through consultation with and direct support from the SELPA Administrator.

## **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**

\$926,731

<b>Plan Alignment (if applicable)</b>	<b>Action Title</b>	<b>Action Description</b>	<b>Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures</b>
SIG Grant	Peace Builders	Implement the the use of Peace Builders for community practices at the elementary school (positive SEL)	\$10,000
Extended Learning Opportunities Plan	Accelerating progress to close learning gaps	Provide professional development to all staff regarding the various learning services using outside professionals to guide our staff through a variety of new curricula (example: Forensics Speech and Debate). Ensuring that all students have access to learning devices and internet in order to participate in a variety of programs and learning structures.	\$140,000
Extended Learning Opportunities Plan	Integrated student supports	Review and eliminate barriers to learning support systems. Administrators will work with leadership teams, counselors, and families to continually review barriers to learning. WUSD will provide school supplies, counseling support, and professional development to help address barriers to learning.	\$65,000
Extended Learning Opportunities Plan	Community learning hubs to support access to technology	All students will have the same type of device by grade span to access their education. The purchase of the different hot spots needed (depending on the area where the students reside) Curriculum, supplementals, consumables, etc. will be purchased to support all classes in providing a more equitable learning environment. WUSD will provide technology support for students who may still be on distance learning. (AB 130 Independent Study)	\$100,000
Extended Learning Opportunities Plan	Supports for students that are credit deficient	Providing additional support for credit recovery, increase student participation in the Dual Enrollment classes with Woodland Community College, provide MEAP support through their advisor and collaboration with staff, and review and implement other possible solutions that would best meet the needs of our students during the summer	\$100,000

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
		academy. Provide Edgenuity platform for credit recovery. Provide Acellus to promote grade requirements.	
Extended Learning Opportunities Plan	Additional academic services for students	Increase staffing in both the elementary schools (Tk-6)and the Junior High School (grades 7-8) to lower class sizes and to provide additional support that would assist with student learning. Provide additional aide support in classes to lower student number allowing more teacher/aide time per student. Hire more student supervisors to help support the students on the playground or on breaks in order to support the re-entry to in-person school learning.	\$241,731
Extended Learning Opportunities Plan	PD for staff on family and student engagement (SEL)	Review best practices and implement a plan to address the social-emotional and academic needs of our students. Examples: professional development from our county behaviorist, motivational speakers for the staff to help them be ready to support the students' needs, re-introduction of Peacebuilders for students, etc.	\$20,000
LEA Plan Safe Return to In-Person Learning	Continue to maintain health and safety policies and procedures	<p>We are asking our employees to help with our prevention efforts while at work and with regular health and safety education of students and visitors. Students, employees, and visitors must adhere to the following expectations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay at home when sick and avoid close contact with others.</li> <li>Do not come to school or work if any member of your household is sick.</li> <li>Keep a distance from others when possible.</li> <li>Refrain from shaking hands, hugging, or touching others.</li> <li>Wear appropriate face coverings indoors, unless an exception to this requirement applies.</li> <li>Clean surfaces before and after use in common areas, and when using shared equipment.</li> <li>Avoid touching the mouth, nose, and eyes.</li> <li>Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.</li> <li>Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.</li> <li>Wash/sanitize hands multiple times daily, including before and after work or school; during breaks; before and after</li> </ul>	\$50,000

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
		<p>eating; after coughing, sneezing, or blowing nose; and before and after going to the restroom.</p> <p>Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and immediately discard it after use and wash/sanitize hands. If no tissues are available, cover the mouth with shoulder or elbow and then wash/sanitize hands.</p> <p>Avoid sharing personal items with other students or coworkers (e.g., food, dishes, lunch boxes, gloves).</p> <p>Follow all CDC, State, and local health department guidelines on use, removal, cleaning, and disinfection of face coverings.</p> <p>Adhere to all signage posted on district property regarding wearing face coverings, physical distancing, hand hygiene, and staying home when sick.</p>	
LEA Plan Safe Return to In-Person Learning	Continuity of services in case isolation, quarantine, or future school closures are necessary	<p>Williams Unified School District believes that in-person instruction is the best option for our students; however, there may be a time when the district again has to close schools due to a pandemic and implement Independent Study for all students. The following applies:</p> <p>All students will have immediate access to a take-home computer device. Google Suite applications will be utilized (age appropriate)</p> <p>Families having no wi-fi access will be given a hotspot</p> <p>Students will have daily interaction with teacher and peers</p> <p>Attendance will be taken and engagement monitored</p> <p>Subject matter grade level content lessons will be taught and progress monitoring will take place</p> <p>Academic and other supports will be available to address the needs of students</p>	\$200,000

## 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

\$274,000

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
Extended Learning Opportunities Plan	Extending instructional learning time	Expanding instructional learning loss and credit recovery opportunities to include before and after-school tutoring, vacation breaks as well as the summer academy. Hiring of staff to cover the need during these expanded learning times. Providing the technology and supplies needed to hold the expanded learning time. Providing professional development as needed to plan for the expanded learning times.	\$100,000
2021-2022 LCAP Goal 3 Action 5	Literacy focused support program	Develop a literacy focused support program for students with identified needs. This program will be staffed through trained paraeducators who tutor students under the supervision of the Literacy Specialist.	\$124,000
2021-2022 LCAP Goal 1 Action 4	On-going professional learning and support	Continue to provide general education and special education teachers with ongoing professional development and support aimed at meeting the needs of EL students, such as SEAL and GLAD strategies.	\$50,000

## 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

\$150,000

<b>Plan Alignment (if applicable)</b>	<b>Action Title</b>	<b>Action Description</b>	<b>Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures</b>
CAL/OSHA Safe Reopening Plan	Masking, Hand Washing, Distancing	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;	\$20,000
CAL/OSHA Safe Reopening Plan	Inspection and repair of HVAC Systems	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;	\$130,000

## 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.

<b>Action Title(s)</b>	<b>How Progress will be Monitored</b>	<b>Frequency of Progress Monitoring</b>
Peace Builders	Fewer discipline referrals as the implementation becomes a built in response .	Monthly count of referrals
Accelerating progress to close learning gaps	On-going assessments, grading, social and emotional behavior incidents	Quarter and trimester updates on grades, SEL screeners, California Healthy Kids Survey, attendance
Community learning hubs to support access to technology	Surveys for students and families to ensure they have the devices and connectivity to support the learning	Monthly check-ins with students and families to identify any needs in this area
Supports for students that are credit deficient	Counselors and teachers to monitor student progress on recovering credits needed to graduate	Each grading period
Additional academic services for students	On-going assessments, grading, social and emotional behavior incidents	Quarter and trimester updates on grades, SEL screeners, California Healthy Kids Survey, attendance



Action Title(s)	How Progress will be Monitored	Frequency of Progress Monitoring
PD for staff on family and student engagement (SEL)	Surveys for students, families, and staff	Twice yearly- beginning of the year and end of the year
Continue to maintain health and safety policies and procedures	Number of absences, number of COVID cases	Monthly updates
Continuity of services in case isolation, quarantine, or future school closures are necessary	Independent Study contracts, participation when not on campus, work accomplished	Monthly recording of Independent Study contracts, attendance, and grades/ work completion
Integrated student supports	Number of referrals to counselling, list of planned professional development and attendees, supplies given to students	Quarterly

# 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 completion of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan, 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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