



Livonia Public Schools

Finance Office

Date: May 10, 2022

To: Andrea L. Oquist, Superintendent

From: Alison Smith, Director of Finance

Re: ESSER Funds Update

Livonia Public Schools has been fortunate to receive a number of new federal grants in the last two years. Funding under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund is intended to be used in response to the impact of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic on students in pre-K–12 education.

School districts must engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and provide the public the opportunity to provide input in the development of the ARP ESSER plan of spending. Specifically, a school district must engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders including, but not limited to, students; families; Tribes (if applicable); civil rights organizations (including disability rights organizations); school and district administrators (including special education administrators); superintendents; charter school leaders (if applicable), teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and their unions; and 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.

Livonia Public Schools first publicly presented a proposed spending plan of ARP ESSER Funds at the May 24, 2021, Board of Education Study Session, followed by a similar presentation at the June 7, 2021, BOE Committee of the Whole meeting. An opportunity for public comment was provided at both meetings. The June 7, 2021, COW meeting was recorded and is available for viewing on the district's website. The district also shared the proposed spending plan with the district's Administrative Leadership Team (ALT) on May 25, 2021.

Once the ARP ESSER grant application became available in Fall 2021 and the district had reviewed the grant guidelines, the district set up meetings to share the spending plan and gather feedback from stakeholders. District leadership met with the Livonia PTSA Council on November 17, 2021, and employee group union leadership on November 19, 2021. A survey to gather further feedback was emailed to parents/guardians, staff members including their union leaders, high school students, and various community members on November 23, 2021. The district received 2,060 responses to the survey.

I would like to share with the Board of Education and our community at the Finance Committee meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022, the feedback we collected from our stakeholders, how that aligns with our spending plan, and provide an overall update on the how the funds have been spent to date and how the district proposes spending remaining funds.

Please let me know if there are any questions, or if any additional information is needed at this time.

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c: Board of Education