



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

TOPIC: PRESENTATION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF (ESSER III) RETURN TO INPERSON INSTRUCTION & CONTINUITY OF SERVICES (RICIPS) & USE OF FUNDS PLAN REVISION

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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: January 18, 2022

INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

Administration presented a Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services (RIPICS) and a use of funds plan to the Board of Trustees on July 21, 2021.

ESSER III requires a six (6) month review/revisions to the Return to In-person Instruction & Continuity of Services (RIPICS) and an opportunity for public comments. Furthermore, TEA has released the final 1/3 ESSER III grant funds. Administration has updated the use of funds plan and will be submitting a grant amendment by January 28, 2022.



United ISD "Return to Excellence"

ESSER III ARP Funds

Updated Use of Funds Plan

David H. Gonzalez,
Superintendent
January 18, 2022

Planning Process for ESSER III Application

Data Used for Planning:

- District Educational Improvement Committee
- District Leadership Team
- District Instructional Leadership Input
- District Management and Cabinet Input
- Public Hearing at School Board Meeting
- ESSER III Stakeholder Survey Input
- Student Survey Input

Description of Processes Used for Planning the Application:

- Superintendent met with all campus and district level groups to get preliminary suggestions
- Survey released to students, parents, staff and community members; survey input solicited
- District leadership analyze stakeholder recommendations and develop district-level recommendations
- Recommendations shared with District ESSER Committee for feedback , comment, refinement
- Revised recommendations shared at the public hearing and with all others stakeholder groups to solicit suggestions for feedback, comment, and refinement
- District leadership meets to adjust and prioritize plan based on feedback
- Revised plan presented to the School Board for feedback and comments
- Plan continues to be revised as additional feedback and district needs become evident

Prioritize/Other Outcomes/Decisions Made for the Spending of the Funds:

- Intervention support positions to address learning loss
- Attendance Support to help families get their children back in school
- Instructional materials/programs/software to provide resources for campuses in addressing learning loss
- Professional Development
- Summer Learning for K-8 and Credit Recovery for 9-12
- Wraparound Services
- Safety & Technology

United ISD ESSER III Allocation: \$127.5 Million

Learning Acceleration **\$45.9 M**

- Additional Instructional Support Staff **Remote conference teachers/lessons; pathfinders & STAAR teachers; Part time aides**
- Build Teacher Capacity/ Professional Development **Reading Academies**
- Summer Learning
- Extended Instructional Time **Afterschool/Saturday**
- High Dosage Tutoring
- Acceleration Academies
- Interactive Panels/Devices

Family Engagement **\$1.4 M**

- Improved School to Home Communication
- Family Resource Center **Opening Spring 2022**
- Parent Liaisons

High Quality Instructional Materials **\$9.5 M**

- Online Programs for Academic Support
- Campus Libraries
- High Quality Assessments

Safety **\$19.3 M**

- Upgrades to Improve Air Quality **UVC Germicidal Project; Air Filters**
- COVID-19 Prevention & Mitigation Strategies: **COVID TEAMS; Nurse Aides; PPE; Outdoor benches; Water bottle filling stations; Trapezoid PK/K Tables**

Technology/Infrastructure **\$2.1 M**

- Hotspots
- Network Upgrades
- Database Upgrades **Cybersecurity**

Unexpected Expenses (FY 2021) **\$5.0 M**

- Distance Learning
- Technology Needs
- Cleaning/PPE Supplies **(FY 22 & FY 23) Revenue Shortfall \$41.4M**

Wraparound Services **\$2.9 M**

- Social Emotional Learning Supports **Licensed Counselors/LSSP**
- Professional Development
- Dropout Prevention Services & Support

*Activities to Address Learning Loss must be at least 20% of grant: 46.03%

As of January 18, 2022

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