



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: June 21, 2021 Prepared By: Dr. Godfrey  
Discuss American Rescue  
Plan (ARP) Elementary and  
Secondary School  
Emergency Relief III  
Subject: (ESSER III) Plan

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Texas school districts received the news that ESSER III funds would be available immediately on April 28, 2021. The U.S. Department of Education's (USDE) initial grant award notice to Texas makes immediately available two-thirds of the total federal appropriation. The remaining one-third of ARP (ESSER III) funds will be released to schools upon USDE approving the state plan. The state plan will be developed in consultation with educators and other stakeholders around the state, as required by federal law. Additional details on the state plan will be announced in the future. These funds must be used to respond to the pandemic and to address student learning loss, or unfinished learning, as a result of COVID-19.**

**While keeping in mind the purpose and requirements under ESSER related to accelerating student learning, TEA strongly encourages school systems to plan for how to use these one-time federal funds expeditiously over the entire covered period. ESSER III funds must be spent by September 2024.**

**Schools should facilitate a comprehensive long-term approach to learning acceleration that will be necessary to support all Texas students affected by COVID-19 while also avoiding a local fiscal cliff caused by the expiration of federal funds in September 2024. As part of the ESSER grant application process, superintendents must brief their boards on the one-time nature of these federal funds. School systems should not anticipate that ongoing, replacement funds will be provided at either the federal or state level.**

**There are many requirements that must be met before the application is submitted. There are also numerous guidelines that will be constantly monitored throughout the grant period (until 2024) which will involve random validation submissions.**

**Buckholts ISD will utilize the plethora of input received from all stakeholders throughout 2020 and 2021. However, more input is needed before the application can be submitted. The BISD June Board Meeting serves as a public meeting and public comment will be received before submitting the plan.**

**Two plans are required. One is the Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services (RIPICS) Plan. Although most Texas school districts safely returned to school in August of 2020, many states throughout the country did not. Therefore, we must continue to post and revise the plan every six months (with meaningful consultation from all stakeholders) throughout the entire grant period.**

**The second plan is the Use of Funds Plan. This is submitted in and with the application. Again, there are many requirements which must be met and it must be posted on the website.**

**Buckholts ISD's 2020-2023 (with one additional year of carryover allowed) ARP ESSER III Grant allocation is:**

**Immediately available- \$380,659**

**Remaining 1/3- \$190,330**

**Total= \$570,989**

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