



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 17, 2023

INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

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. Administration has updated the use of funds plan and will be submitting a grant amendment to TEA.

Administration has 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, January 18, 2022 and July 12, 2022.



United ISD "Return to Excellence"

ESSER III ARP Funds

Use of Funds Plan

David H. Gonzalez, Superintendent
January 17, 2023

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 Hearings 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

Total District Allocation: \$127.5 Million

Spent & Committed to date

(*) Learning Acceleration **\$24.7M**

- Additional Instructional Support Staff **Remote conference \$2.3M**
- **pathfinders teachers \$2.2M; Part time campus support \$535K**
- Build Teacher Capacity/ **\$2.5M** Professional Development **\$827K**
- **Reading Academies \$690K**
- Summer Learning **\$2.7M**
- Extended Instructional Time **After School/Summer Programs \$3.3 M**
- High Dosage Tutoring **\$1.2M**
- Acceleration academies **\$839K**
- Interactive Panels/Devices **\$7.6M**

(*) Family Engagement **\$765K**

- Improved School to Home Communication
- Family Resource Center
- Parent Liaisons

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

(*)

Wraparound Services

\$3.6 M

- Social Emotional Learning Supports
- **Licensed Counselors/LSSP \$1.2M**
- **Special Ed services \$672K**
- Professional Development
- Dropout Prevention Services & Support

(*) High Quality

Instructional Materials

\$11.1 M

- Online Programs for Academic Support **\$10.6M**
- High Quality Assessments **\$529K**

Technology/ Infrastructure

\$2.9 M

- Network Adm/ Upgrades Database Upgrades Cybersecurity

Unexpected Expenses

\$72.0 M

- (2020-2023)
- Tech/PPE Supplies **\$5M**
- (2021-2023) **Revenue Shortfall \$52M**
- Oct 2022 One-time payment **(\$2000) \$15M**

Safety

\$12.5 M

- Upgrades to Improve Air Quality **UVC Germicidal \$5.5M**
- COVID-19 Prevention & Mitigation Strategies: **COVID TEAMS \$1.3M; Nurse Aides \$1.2M; Outdoor benches; Water bottle filling stations Trapezoid PK/K Tables**

As of January 17, 2023

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