

School Board Meeting:

September 27, 2021

Subject:

American Rescue Plan -
ESSER III Spending Plan
Development

Presenter:

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Report Only

DESCRIPTION:

The COVID-19 pandemic brought many challenges for school districts. School districts strived to provide safe working and learning environments, while a significant decrease in student enrollment lead to decreased revenue. Students continue to struggle from lost learning time. There have been three categories of federal funding made available to BHM with the latest being the American Rescue Plan. Under the American Rescue Plan is a funding source called Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III.) These funds operate with the same parameters as round one and two but have a 20% restriction dedicated to learning recovery from lost student contact time. The application for ESSER III requires a spending plan and an opportunity for input from the public and specific groups.

The spending plan presented focuses on providing a safe work and learning environment and additional staff above what student enrollment or the budget justify. The final budget will also take into consideration input received and will be developed to ensure the overall intent of the plan is being met. This is a one-time grant totaling \$1,567,128.91 ending September 30, 2025.

Application for the funds will be completed by the October 1, 2021 deadline and we will submit the spending plan on October 15, 2021.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- ESSER III presentation 9-24-21