

Date: February 6, 2024  
To: LPSD School Board  
From: Laura Hylton, Finance Director  
RE: ESSER III Budget FY25

The ESSER III budget plan is attached, it includes actual expenditures in FY23 and budgeted expenditures for FY24. Funds expire on 9/30/2024.

DEED has approved use of the ESSER III funds to assess and correct the drainage and rear doors which contributed to water infiltration of the school in the spring of 2020. Water buildup and ice formation have created problems in other ways over the years, falls due to puddling and ice.

In the spring of 2023 our architect under term contract and engineering specialist visited Newhalen and assessed the drainage and building to determine the needed corrects. Their report and subsequent review identified site grading, drainage pumps and several building fixes to address the issues.

Due to our limited funds of \$210,000, we worked with architects and engineers and identified a contractor who is already going to be mobilized in Newhalen this summer. The contractor expressed interest in the project and provided a tentative pricing. The pricing is less than \$100,000 for LPSD Board Policy and under the Federal formal bid amount of \$150,000 allowing flexibility. Three informal quotes are required to under these thresholds.

The ESSER III funds will allow LPSD to correct the drainage and building deficiencies to prevent water infiltration to protect the integrity of the school building. It is our intention to move forward with this project as soon as practical in the spring. Our Architect has agreed to have engineering staff on site to direct the site work. This approach saves the cost of developing a full design package since a formal sealed bid is not required.