



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: July 19, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: Public Hearing: District Use of One Time Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Federal Funds

PRESENTER: Hoyt Harris, Board of Trustees President

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- On March 11, 2021, the federal government enacted the \$122 billion American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund.
- On April 28, 2021, the State of Texas released its allocation of \$11.2 billion of ARP ESSER, or ESSER III, funds to public school districts.
- The District's total allocation of these one-time ESSER III funds is \$2,196,151. Two-thirds of this allocation is available immediately. Due to federal requirements, the remaining one-third will be made available after the U.S. Department of Education's (USDE) approval of the State's plan for use of this funding.
- The period of availability for these funds is March 13, 2020 through September 30, 2023. A one-year extension to September 30, 2024 may also be requested.
- Although we are continuing to review all the requirements surrounding these federal funds, one required step is to gather input from stakeholders in the development of the District's plan for spending ESSER III funding. The District has gathered input during meetings of the following groups and in other ways, such as the community survey recently distributed.
 - Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) meeting
 - Bearcat Leadership Team (BLT) meeting
 - District Wide Effectiveness Improvement Committee (DWEIC) meeting
 - Board of Trustees meetings

Additionally, the community will be given the opportunity to provide input during the July 19, 2021, board meeting.

- Based on reviews of the federal requirements, ESSER III funds may be used for a wide range of activities. However, there are some spending requirements related to addressing learning loss and costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The District is committed, as always, to providing the support that all of our students need to be successful.
- At this Board meeting, the District will hold an official Public Hearing in accordance with the ESSER III funding requirements for additional community feedback to be heard. The District has prepared a spreadsheet of fund expenditures for the community to review and discuss at this time.



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FISCAL INFORMATION:

The District's total ESSER III allocation is \$2,196,151, split between the first allocation of \$1,464,101 and the remaining allocation of \$732,050.

ATTACHMENTS:

Planned ESSER III Expenditures 2021-2022

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

None – Informational Report