



POTEET
Independent School District

Public Hearing on ESSER III

June 21, 2021



Release of ESSER III Funds - April 2021

- **Under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, Poteet ISD is eligible to receive an allocation of \$3,615,854 to be used for responding to the pandemic and to address learning loss as a result of COVID-19.**
- **The U.S. Department of Education's grant award has made two-thirds of the total allocation available for the district to begin using immediately. The remaining one-third will be made available for use at a later date.**
- **The deadline to use these funds is September 2024.**



Allowable Use of Funds

- **The use of funds is very broad and very flexible. However, there are three key provisions:**
 - Costs must be reasonable and necessary.
 - Costs must be tied to a need identified as a result of the pandemic.
 - Cost must be tied to one of the statutory allowable activities.

Allowable Use of Funds (cont'd)

- **Funds may be used for any purpose related to:**
 - Prevention, preparedness, and response to coronavirus.
 - Providing school leaders with resources to address the needs of their individual schools.
 - Address the unique needs to low-income students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities and students experiencing homelessness and foster care.
 - Training on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious disease.
 - Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean facilities.
 - Planning for and coordinating during long term closures, including how to provide meals and technology to students.
 - Purchasing educational technology.
 - Providing mental health services and support.
 - Empower parents to be their child's first teacher and effective advocate for learning.
 - Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and afterschool programs.
 - Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities including ventilation, filtering, purification and other air cleaning systems.
 - Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of the school district and to continue to employ existing staff.

New Language for Allowable Use of Funds

- **At least 20% of the total allotment must be spent on addressing “learning loss” through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, and ensure that such interventions respond to students’ academic, social, and emotional needs such as:**
 - **Summer learning programs**
 - **Summer enrichment programs**
 - **Extended school day**
 - **Comprehensive after school programs**
 - **Extended school year programs**
- **20% of the total allotment is equivalent to \$723,171**

Important ESSER III Dates

- April 27, 2021 - TEA released ESSER III allocation amounts
- April 28, 2021 - Grant application is made available to districts
- May 24 & 25, 2021 - Stakeholder Meetings
- June 21, 2021 - Public Hearing
- July 27, 2021 - Grant Application and Use of Funds Plan due to TEA
- TBD - Within 30 days of receiving NOGA (Notice of Grant Award), District must post Use of Funds Plan to website.

Stakeholder / Public Input

- **Districts are required to engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and give the public an opportunity to provide input in the development of the “Use of Funds” plan.**
 - **Adult Stakeholders - Meeting held May 24**
 - **Members included parents, teachers, principals, school leaders and other school personnel including district representatives for special student groups (i.e. children with disabilities, homeless students, english learners and other underserved students).**
 - **Student Stakeholders - Meeting held May 25**
 - **Members included students from FFA, Interact and Student Council**
 - **Adult and Student Stakeholders completed a survey that provided input towards the potential uses of ESSER III funds.**
 - **Public Hearing - Meeting held June 21**
 - **Public opportunity to provide input.**

ESSER III Public Information

Poteet ISD District Webpage

- [Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan](#)
- [Regreso Seguro Al Plan De Instrucción En Person y Continuidad de Servicios](#)
- [Use of Funds](#)
- [ESSER III ARP Public Notice](#)
- [ESSER III Survey](#)

Public Comments