ESSER III Expenditure Plan

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School districts, county offices of education, or charter schools, collectively known as LEAs, that receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds under the American Rescue Plan Act, referred to as ESSER III funds, are required to develop a plan for how they will use their ESSER III funds. In the plan, an LEA must explain how it intends to use its ESSER III funds to address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as any opportunity gaps that existed before, and were worsened by, the COVID-19 pandemic. An LEA may also use its ESSER III funds in other ways, as detailed in the Fiscal Requirements section of the Instructions. In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include community input and/or actions included in other planning documents, such as the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), provided that the input and actions are relevant to the LEA's Plan to support students.

For more information please see the Instructions.

Other LEA Plans Referenced in this Plan

| Plan Title | Where the Plan May Be Accessed |
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| Local Control Accountability Plan | Grow Academy Arvin's LCAP may be accessed on the school website's homepage in both English and Spanish: https://www.gaarvin.org/ |
| ELO Grant Plan | Grow Academy Arvin's ELO Grant Plan may be accessed on the school website's homepage in both English and Spanish: https://www.gaarvin.org/ . |

Summary of Planned ESSER III Expenditures

Below is a summary of the ESSER III funds received by the LEA and how the LEA intends to expend these funds in support of students.

Total ESSER III funds received by the LEA

\$2,166,485.00

| Plan Section | Total Planned ESSER III |
|--|-------------------------|
| Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning | \$814,157 |
| Addressing Lost Instructional Time (a minimum of 20 percent of the LEAs ESSER III funds) | \$1,352,328 |
| Use of Any Remaining Funds | \$0.00 |

Total ESSER III funds included in this plan

\$2,166,485.00

Community Engagement

An LEA's decisions about how to use its ESSER III funds will directly impact the students, families, and the local community. The following is a description of how the LEA meaningfully consulted with its community members in determining the prevention and mitigation strategies, strategies to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, and any other strategies or activities to be implemented by the LEA. In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include input received from community members during the development of other LEA Plans, such as the LCAP, provided that the input is relevant to the development of the LEA's ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

For specific requirements, including a list of the community members that an LEA is required to consult with, please see the Community Engagement section of the Instructions.

A description of the efforts made by the LEA to meaningfully consult with its required community members and the opportunities provided by the LEA for public input in the development of the plan.

There were numerous community engagements that Grow Academy Arvin (GAA) extended during the 2020-2021 school year to gather feedback to inform the development of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan (ELO) and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The extensive feedback from the ELO and LCAP was used in the development of this ESSER III expenditure plan. The primary mode we employed to gain meaningful feedback on where to focus and deploy ESSER III funds was through surveys. Specifically, a survey was sent to parents and families who speak a language other than English via ParentSquare in the Spring; a community outreach survey was posted on the GA Arvin website (www.gaarvin.org) in the Fall; a survey was sent to our staff including school administrators, district administrators, Special Education Administrators, teachers, principal, school leaders such as assistant principals, intervention coordinator, instructional coaches, paras, aides, office staff, secretaries, custodial, and cafe staff; lastly, a survey was sent to middle school students the week of October 18th to gain their input on where GAA Academy could best allocate the ESSER funds. GAA engaged in meaningful consultation with Civil Rights groups, tribes, and community advocates on October 8th, 2021 by posting a community outreach survey on the GAA website.Further, in preparing the LCAP over the summer, GAA engaged the stakeholder community using a variety of methods. During specific Governance meetings, the goals and actions of the LCAP were discussed in a public forum with opportunities for the public

to provide comments. During March 2021 staff meetings, input and feedback were solicited from staff. School Site Council members, which include teachers, parents, principal, and assistant principals, provided input and feedback during their March 2021 meeting. Parents of Grow Academy (POGA), composed of Grow Academy Arvin parents, provided input and feedback during their March 2021 meeting. In April 2021, the Director of Special Education and the Director of School Operations met with the school's SELPA for LCAP consultation as it pertains to the needs of students with disabilities. The ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee) meeting February and March of 2021 to review and provide feedback and input on the LCAP. Parent surveys regarding the LCAP were sent via Padlet and Google Forms. These surveys were delivered every Sunday via our Community Comet Weekly Newsletter and via Parent Square from the Home Office . Additionally, administrative support staff distributed fliers in the community encouraging families to contact Grow Academy Arvin with questions, comments, and suggestions.

A description of how the development of the plan was influenced by community input.

As stated above, feedback from the ELO and LCAP was consistent with the feedback we received for the ESSER III plan. Specifically, parents indicated a need for a focus on the health and wellness of students during and after the school day. This feedback led to the development of strategies for continuous and safe in-person learning including purchasing ample PPE and cleaning supplies as well as extending the services of our Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) to ensure our staff and students have the medical support, attention, and supplies they need to remain safely in school. Further, our staff surveys indicated the need for additional learning materials and technology for students, providing additional support and focus for Special Education students, as well as a desire for additional training on how to effectively deploy high needs intervention. This feedback led to the development of strategies for addressing the loss of instructional time by supplementing instructional time via our summer, fall, and spring intercessions, providing supplemental instructional materials for teachers, and adding additional professional development for all staff.

Actions and Expenditures to Address Student Needs

The following is the LEA's plan for using its ESSER III funds to meet students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as how the LEA will address the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic. In developing the plan, the LEA has the flexibility to include actions described in existing plans, including the LCAP and/or Expanded Learning Opportunity (ELO) Grant Plan, to the extent that the action(s) address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. For specific requirements, please refer to the Actions and Expenditures to Address Student Needs section of the Instructions.

Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning

A description of how the LEA will use funds to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning in a way that reduces or prevents the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Total ESSER III funds being used to implement strategies for continuous and safe in-person learning

\$814,157

| Plan Alignment (if applicable) | Action Title | Action Description | Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures |
|---|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| N/A | PPE and Cleaning Supplies | Purchases during 2022-23 and 2023-24 of personal protective equipment, thermometers, cleaning and custodial supplies, storage space and inventory system for PPE, mobile isolation unit, handwashing stations, and COVID tests. | \$271,395.00 |
| ELO Grant Plan in "Additional academic services for students" | Licensed Vocational Nurse | Extending the services of Licensed Vocational Nurse salary 2022-23 and 2023-24 to monitor the health of our students and staff while on campus. LVN will help ensure safety measures on campus are aligned to local county health guidelines, and develop and implement mitigation efforts to prevent the spread of illness | \$124,800.00 |
| N/A | Maintain Additional Teaching Staff | Extending the services of four teachers in 2022-23 to ensure class sizes are small and students are distanced according to local county health guidelines. These teachers will supplement existing teaching staff in order to maintain student and staff safety during in-person instruction. | \$260,000.00 |
| N/A | Substitute Teachers | Allows for a high quality learning environment for students when teachers need to quarantine at home due to a COVID-19 exposure | \$157,962.00 |

Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time

A description of how the LEA will use funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time.

Total ESSER III funds being used to address the academic impact of lost instructional time

\$1,352,328

| Plan Alignment (if applicable) | Action Title | Action Description | Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures |
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| ELO Grant Plan in "Additional academic services"; LCAP Goal 1 Action 1 | Instructional Support | Extending the services for Small Group Instructors (8) for 2022-23 and 2023-24 to assist with individualized learning plans (ILPs) and supplement instruction for students while in class during the school year. | \$760,000.00 |
| ELO Grant Plan in "Additional academic services for students" | Supplemental Instructional Time | Extending services for certificated teachers for Summer Academy and Kinder Camp in 2022-23 and 2023-24 to provide supplemental instructional time for students. | \$31,400.00 |
| LCAP Goal 1, Actions 4 & 9 | Supplemental Instructional Materials | Providing supplemental materials and extending EL services for supplemental instructional materials and distance learning support platforms for 2023-2024 to ameliorate learning loss. | \$247,928.00 |
| LCAP Goal 1, Actions 6 & 8 | Professional Development | Additional instructional consultants for 22-23 and 23-24 for Professional Development for teaching staff; social-emotional learning curriculum; instructional consultancy fees for science instruction; new teacher training consultancy fees and Co-Teaching Program consultancy fees. | \$160,000.00 |
| LCAP Goal 2, Action 1; ELO Grant Plan in "Integrated Student Supports" | School Psychologist | Extending services for a part-time school psychologist (1.5 days/week) for 2022-23 and 2023-24. The school psychologist is responsible for the assessment and behavior management for students with emotional disabilities, learning disabilities, autism, and behavioral challenges. The school psychologist will assist in addressing behavioral and other challenges in students before they impact learning, and will refer families to additional services if needed. | \$80,000.00 |
| ELO Grant Plan in "Extending instructional learning time" | Supplemental SPED Instructional Intersession | Extending services for certificated teacher salaries for the Summer SPED Intersessions in 2022-23 and 2023-24. In the two weeks after the school year ends, a targeted SPED intersession will be provided to SPED students needing additional targeted instructional support. | \$40,000.00 |

| Plan Alignment (if applicable) | Action Title | | Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| N/A | Independent Study Coordinator | Provides oversight to ensure students placed in Independent Study due to COVID-19 exposure remain on course with peers. | \$33,000.00 |

Use of Any Remaining Funds

A description of the how the LEA will use any remaining ESSER III funds, as applicable.

Total ESSER III funds being used to implement additional actions

N/A

| Plan Alignment (if applicable) | Action Title | Action Description | Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures |
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Ensuring Interventions are Addressing Student Needs

The LEA is required to ensure its interventions will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID–19 pandemic. The following is the LEA's plan for ensuring that the actions and expenditures in the plan are addressing the identified academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of its students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID–19 pandemic.

| Action Title(s) | How Progress will be Monitored | Frequency of Progress Monitoring |
|--|--|--|
| PPE and Cleaning Supplies Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) Maintain Additional Teaching Staff | The primary mode in measuring the effectiveness of this strategy will be student in Average Daily Attendance percentages via reports as captured in our Local SIS. | PPE and Cleaning Supplies - daily LVN - daily temperature readings; weekly use logs; monthly counts of coronavirus among students and staff; monthly counts of other illnesses/infections among students and staff; annual school climate surveys. Daily temperature readings; |

| Action Title(s) | How Progress will be Monitored | Frequency of Progress Monitoring |
|---|---|---|
| Substitute Teachers | | weekly testing and screening of exposed staff, daily contact tracing for students and staff, daily, weekly, and monthly counts of coronavirus among students and staff; annual school climate surveys. Daily attendance reports and daily family outreach to families from our attendance clerks. |
| Instructional Support Supplemental Instructional Time Supplemental Instructional Materials Supplemental SPED Instructional Intersession Independent Study Coordinator | Sign-ups for supplemental instruction intersessions; longitudinal academic achievement data on students participating in supplemental instructional time compared to those who do not. Distribution of supplemental instructional materials to students; academic achievement data—benchmark, formative, summative. Sign-ups for supplemental SPED instruction intersessions; longitudinal academic achievement data on students participating in supplemental instructional time compared to those who do not; school climate survey and feedback from parents | Pre-intersession sign-ups (spring, summer, winter); annual cumulative NWEA MAP assessment data and state mandated assessments. Monthly NWEA MAP assessments; quarterly report cards; monthly attendance rates. Pre-intersession sign-ups among SPED students; annual cumulative NWEA MAP assessment data and state mandated assessments; annual survey data; periodic feedback from parents to teachers and administrators. |
| Professional Development | Professional development for teaching staff in social-emotional learning and science instruction will be monitored through teacher attendance during training sessions and feedback from teachers on quality and effectiveness of training; feedback from teachers on where they need additional training and support; teacher retention rates; student attendance rates; school climate survey. | Weekly staff meetings to reflect on professional development impact; monthly NWEA MAP assessments; monthly student attendance rates; annual school climate survey; annual teacher retention rates. |
| School Psychologist | Formal and informal progress monitoring is designed to ensure the mental health and emotional supports provided by the School Psychologist are being reflected in measurable metrics for both academic outcomes and social-emotional outcomes (e.g., chronic absenteeism, behavioral issues, etc.). Social Emotional | Weekly staff meetings; daily attendance (in-person and virtual); monthly NWEA MAP assessments; quarterly referral for services reports (external services). Bi-annual SEL surveys. |

| Action Title(s) | How Progress will be Monitored | Frequency of Progress Monitoring |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | Learning (SEL) surveys are also sent out to all students to measure social emotional competencies and overall school climate. | |

ESSER III Expenditure Plan Instructions

Introduction

School districts, county offices of education (COEs), or charter schools, collectively known as local educational agencies (LEAs), that receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, referred to as ESSER III funds, are required to develop a plan for how they will use ESSER III funds to, at a minimum, address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic.

The plan must be adopted by the local governing board or body of the LEA at a public meeting on or before October 29, 2021 and must be submitted for review and approval within five days of adoption. A school district must submit its ESSER III Expenditure Plan to its COE for review and approval; a COE must submit its plan to the California Department of Education for review and approval. A charter school must submit its plan to its chartering authority for review and to the COE of the county in which the charter school operates for review and approval.

In addition, consistent with the requirements of the ARP, Volume 86, *Federal Register*, page 21201, April 22, 2021, the ESSER III Expenditure Plan must be:

- Written in an understandable and uniform format;
- Written in a language that parents can understand, to the extent practicable;
 - If it is not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, the plan must be orally translated for parents
- Provided in an alternative format to a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, upon request; and
- Be made publicly available on the LEA's website.

For additional information regarding ESSER III funding please see the ARP Act Funding web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/cr/arpact.asp.

For technical assistance related to the completion of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan, please contact EDReliefFunds@cde.ca.gov.

Fiscal Requirements

- The LEA must use at least 20 percent (20%) of its ESSER III apportionment for expenditures related to addressing the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs.
 - o For purposes of this requirement, "evidence-based interventions" include practices or programs that have **evidence** to show that they are effective at producing results and improving outcomes when implemented. This kind of evidence has generally been produced through formal studies and research. There are four tiers, or levels, of evidence:

- **Tier 1 Strong Evidence**: the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented randomized control experimental studies.
- Tier 2 Moderate Evidence: the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental studies.
- **Tier 3 Promising Evidence**: the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented correlational studies (with statistical controls for selection bias).
- **Tier 4 Demonstrates a Rationale**: practices that have a well-defined logic model or theory of action, are supported by research, and have some effort underway by a State Educational Agency, LEA, or outside research organization to determine their effectiveness.
- For additional information please see the Evidence-Based Interventions Under the ESSA web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/es/evidence.asp.
- The LEA must use the remaining ESSER III funds consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act, including for:
 - Any activity authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965;
 - Any activity authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);
 - Any activity authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act;
 - Any activity authorized by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006;
 - Coordination of preparedness and response efforts of LEAs with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments, and other relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19;
 - Activities to address the unique needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic
 minorities, homeless students, and foster youth, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population;
 - Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of LEAs;
 - Training and professional development for staff of the LEA on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases;
 - o Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of an LEA, including buildings operated by such agency;
 - Planning for, coordinating, and implementing activities during long-term closures, including providing meals to eligible students, providing technology for online learning to all students, providing guidance for carrying out requirements under IDEA, and ensuring other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements;
 - Purchasing education technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the LEA that aids
 in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including low-income students
 and children with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment;
 - Providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence-based full-service community schools;
 - Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental after school programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of underserved students;

- o Addressing learning loss among students, including underserved students, by:
 - Administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable, to accurately assess students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiated instruction,
 - Implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students,
 - Providing information and assistance to parents and families of how they can effectively support students, including in a distance learning environment, and
 - Tracking student attendance and improving student engagement in distance education;

Note: A definition of "underserved students" is provided in the Community Engagement section of the instructions.

- School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risks of virus transmission and exposure to
 environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs;
- o Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and nonmechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door replacement;
- Developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff;
- Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in LEAs and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA.

Other LEA Plans Referenced in this Plan

In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include community input and/or actions included in other planning documents, such as the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and/or the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant Plan, provided that the input and/or actions address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

An LEA that chooses to utilize community input and/or actions from other planning documents must provide the name of the plan(s) referenced by the LEA and a description of where the plan(s) may be accessed by the public (such as a link to a web page or the street address of where the plan(s) are available) in the table. The LEA may add or delete rows from the table as necessary.

An LEA that chooses not to utilize community input and/or actions from other planning documents may provide a response of "Not Applicable" in the table.

Summary of Expenditures

The Summary of Expenditures table provides an overview of the ESSER III funding received by the LEA and how the LEA plans to use its ESSER III funds to support the strategies and interventions being implemented by the LEA.

Instructions

For the 'Total ESSER III funds received by the LEA,' provide the total amount of ESSER III funds received by the LEA.

In the Total Planned ESSER III Expenditures column of the table, provide the amount of ESSER III funds being used to implement the actions identified in the applicable plan sections.

For the 'Total ESSER III funds included in this plan,' provide the total amount of ESSER III funds being used to implement actions in the plan.

Community Engagement

Purpose and Requirements

An LEA's decisions about how to use its ESSER III funds will directly impact the students, families, and the local community, and thus the LEA's plan must be tailored to the specific needs faced by students and schools. These community members will have significant insight into what prevention and mitigation strategies should be pursued to keep students and staff safe, as well as how the various COVID–19 prevention and mitigation strategies impact teaching, learning, and day-to-day school experiences.

An LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with the following community members, as applicable to the LEA:

- Students:
- Families, including families that speak languages other than English;
- School and district administrators, including special education administrators;
- Teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and local bargaining units, as applicable.

"Meaningful consultation" with the community includes considering the perspectives and insights of each of the required community members in identifying the unique needs of the LEA, especially related to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Comprehensive strategic planning will utilize these perspectives and insights to determine the most effective strategies and interventions to address these needs through the programs and services the LEA implements with its ESSER III funds.

Additionally, an LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with the following groups to the extent that they are present or served in the LEA:

- Tribes;
- Civil rights organizations, including disability rights organizations (e.g. the American Association of People with Disabilities, the American Civil Liberties Union, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, etc.); and
- Individuals or advocates representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, homeless students, foster youth, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students.
 - o For purposes of this requirement "underserved students" include:
 - Students who are low-income:

- Students who are English learners;
- Students of color:
- Students who are foster youth;
- Homeless students:
- Students with disabilities; and
- Migratory students.

LEAs are also encouraged to engage with community partners, expanded learning providers, and other community organizations in developing the plan.

Information and resources that support effective community engagement may be found under *Resources* on the following web page of the CDE's website: https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lc.

Instructions

In responding to the following prompts, the LEA may reference or include input provided by community members during the development of existing plans, including the LCAP and/or the ELO Grant Plan, to the extent that the input is applicable to the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. Descriptions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broad understanding among the LEA's local community.

A description of the efforts made by the LEA to meaningfully consult with its required community members and the opportunities provided by the LEA for public input in the development of the plan.

A sufficient response to this prompt will describe how the LEA sought to meaningfully consult with its required community members in the development of the plan, how the LEA promoted the opportunities for community engagement, and the opportunities that the LEA provided for input from the public at large into the development of the plan.

As noted above, a description of "meaningful consultation" with the community will include an explanation of how the LEA has considered the perspectives and insights of each of the required community members in identifying the unique needs of the LEA, especially related to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A description of the how the development of the plan was influenced by community input.

A sufficient response to this prompt will provide clear, specific information about how input from community members and the public at large was considered in the development of the LEA's plan for its use of ESSER III funds. This response must describe aspects of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan that were influenced by or developed in response to input from community members.

- For the purposes of this prompt, "aspects" may include:
 - Prevention and mitigation strategies to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning;

- Strategies to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through implementation of evidence-based interventions (e.g. summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs);
- Any other strategies or activities implemented with the LEA's ESSER III fund apportionment consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act; and
- Progress monitoring to ensure interventions address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs for all students, especially those students disproportionately impacted by COVID-19

For additional information and guidance, please see the U.S. Department of Education's Roadmap to Reopening Safely and Meeting All Students' Needs Document, available here: https://www2.ed.gov/documents/coronavirus/reopening-2.pdf.

Planned Actions and Expenditures

Purpose and Requirements

As noted in the Introduction, an LEA receiving ESSER III funds is required to develop a plan to use its ESSER III funds to, at a minimum, address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic.

Instructions

An LEA has the flexibility to include actions described in existing plans, including the LCAP and/or ELO Grant Plan, to the extent that the action(s) address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. When including action(s) from other plans, the LEA must describe how the action(s) included in the ESSER III Expenditure Plan supplement the work described in the plan being referenced. The LEA must specify the amount of ESSER III funds that it intends to use to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA. Descriptions of actions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broad understanding among the LEA's local community.

Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning

Provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions related to Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write "N/A".
- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of the action(s) the LEA will implement using ESSER III funds for prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the
 greatest extent practicable, in line with the most recent CDC guidance, in order to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person
 learning.

• Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA.

Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time

As a reminder, the LEA must use not less than 20 percent of its ESSER III funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time. Provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions related to addressing the impact of lost instructional time, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write "N/A".
- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of the action(s) the LEA will implement using ESSER III funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time
 through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day,
 comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs.
- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA.

Use of Any Remaining Funds

After completing the Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning and the Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time portions of the plan, the LEA may use any remaining ESSER III funds to implement additional actions to address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as to address opportunity gaps, consistent with the allowable uses identified above in the Fiscal Requirements section of the Instructions. LEAs choosing to use ESSER III funds in this manner must provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions with any remaining ESSER III funds, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write "N/A".
- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of any additional action(s) the LEA will implement to address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health
 needs, as well as to address opportunity gaps, consistent with the allowable uses identified above in the Fiscal Requirements section of the
 Instructions. If an LEA has allocated its entire apportionment of ESSER III funds to strategies for continuous and safe in-person learning
 and/or to addressing the impact of lost instructional time, the LEA may indicate that it is not implementing additional actions.
- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA. If the LEA it is not implementing additional actions the LEA must indicate "\$0".

Ensuring Interventions are Addressing Student Needs

The LEA is required to ensure its interventions will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID–19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.

The LEA may group actions together based on how the LEA plans to monitor the actions' progress. For example, if an LEA plans to monitor the progress of two actions in the same way and with the same frequency, the LEA may list both actions within the same row of the table. Each action included in the ESSER III Expenditure Plan must be addressed within the table, either individually or as part of a group of actions.

Complete the table as follows:

- Provide the action title(s) of the actions being measured.
- Provide a description of how the LEA will monitor progress of the action(s) to ensure that they are addressing the needs of students.
- Specify how frequently progress will be monitored (e.g. daily, weekly, monthly, every 6 weeks, etc.).

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