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Plans for the Use of ESSER III Funds:

The United States Department of Education (USED) is requiring two plans from all recipients of ESSER III funds:

- 1) A plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services
- The requirement for this plan is likely met by your District Reopening Plan submitted to DESE in August of 2020, along with any subsequent amendments (see Tab 3 Assurances). It will need to be revisited and revised as necessary every 6 months, including soliciting stakeholder input and considering changes to CDC guidance.
- 2) A plan for the Use of ESSER III Funds based on broad stakeholder input, and addressing the following:
- The district's prevention and mitigation strategies including extent district has adopted CDC recommendations ( Step 4.4)

How the district will use its 20% reservation of ESSER III funds to address loss of instructional time with evidence-based interventions (Step 4.2 and Tab 6, Budget)

How the district will spend the remainder of its ESSER III funds for allowable expenditures (Tab 5) and budget (Tab 6)

How the use of ESSER III funds will respond to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of all students, especially those disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic (Tab 4.2, Tab 4.3) including:

students from low-income families

students of color

English learners

students with disabilities

students experiencing homelessness

students in foster care

migratory students

students who are incarcerated

other underserved students
- This application, when fully and thoughtfully completed, along with your District Reopening Plans, will constitute the plans required by USED. These plans must be published on your website and must be accessible to families in a language they understand, either translated in writing or orally, as well as in an accessible format for those with disabilities.
- You should expect that DESE will be collecting data and other information from you as a result of implementation of your plans for and use of ESSER funds.
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| Step 4.1<br>of 4.4 | ESSER III regulations require that the stakeholder groups below be meaningfully consulted as part of the planning process for use of ESSER III funds. Which of the following groups have you consulted with? (check all that apply) |   | If you have not yet consulted with this group in planning for use of ESSER III funds, when and how do you plan to get their input? |
|                    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | Students  | Discussed with Student Advisory in the fall  |
|                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Families  |  |
|                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | School and District administrators, including special education administrators  |  |
|                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | School leaders  |  |
|                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Teachers  |  |
|                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Other educators   |  |
|                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | School staff  |  |
|                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Unions representing educators and school staff  |  |
|                    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | Tribes*   | N/A  |
|                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Civil rights organizations (including disability rights organizations)*   |  |
|                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, children experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students.* |  |
|                    | *To the extent present in or served by the district   |   |  |
- TIP:** The cells in the right column will be red until you either 1) check the box next to the stakeholder in the left-hand column or 2) write your plan to consult the stakeholder group in the left-hand column.
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Evidence-Based Strategies, Interventions, and Supports:  
Describe how ESSER III funds, including the required 20% reservation, will be used to respond to students' social, emotional, and academic needs through *evidence-based* interventions, how progress will be measured, and how/if chosen interventions address disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved subgroups. Select from the following list of evidence-based interventions and provide a narrative at the bottom of this step for any of your district's evidence-based initiatives that are not listed. **Note:** *Your district's 20% reservation to address loss of instructional time must be spent on evidence-based interventions.*
- | Enhanced Core Instruction   | Our district is using ESSER II funds for this strategy | This strategy will address pandemic-related learning loss/disproportionate impact | What data will you use to measure progress? | Does this strategy/intervention address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, students from low-income families, students with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness and student foster care)? If yes, please explain which group(s) are being served, what impact is being addressed, and how this strategy/intervention will provide support |
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| Expanding access to full-day, high-quality prekindergarten  | Select   | Select  |   |   |
| Purchasing and/or expanding use of high-quality, aligned instructional materials (any content area) and associated professional development | Yes  | Yes   | District Assessments                        | Yes, the materials purchased will address the needs of all groups included above. The implementation and utilization of materials will directly impact the academic and social emotional outcomes for all students.   |
| Professional development for teachers and administrators re: culturally responsive teaching   | Yes  | Yes   | District Assessments                        | Yes, the PD will address the needs of all groups included above. The implementation and utilization will directly impact the academic and social emotional outcomes for all students.   |

Screening assessments and associated professional development (e.g., early literacy screening)	Select	Select		
Expanding access to career-technical education (including "After Dark" district/vocational partnerships), innovation pathways, and advanced placement courses (including fee subsidies and teacher training)	Select	Select		
Extending the school day/year and prioritizing student access to additional time by student need	Yes	Yes	District Assessments	Yes, the extended time/summer scholl programs will adress the needs of all groups included above. The implementation will impact the academic and social emotional outcomes for all students
Tutoring programs and support, including early literacy tutoring (including training paraprofessionals) and peer tutoring programs.	Yes	Yes	District Assessments	Yes, tutors will be hired at targeted schools to support identified students to address the needs of all groups included above. The implementation will impact the academic and social emotional outcomes for all students.
Developing or strengthening data cycles to facilitate and inform student learning and associated professional development and support personnel	Select	Select		
Early college programs, particularly those focused on students underrepresented in higher education	Select	Select		
<b>Targeted Student Supports</b>	<b>Our district is using ESSER II funds for:</b>	<b>This strategy will address pandemic-related learning loss/disproportionate impact</b>	<b>What data will you use to measure progress?</b>	<b>Does this strategy/intervention address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, students from low-income families, students with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness and student foster care)? If yes, please explain which group(s) are being served, what impact is being addressed, and how this strategy/intervention will provide support</b>
Developing or expanding high quality co-teaching and inclusion models for students with disabilities and associated professional development	Yes	Yes	District Assessments	Yes, the PD will address the needs of all groups included above. The implementation and utilization will directly impact the academic and social emotional outcomes for all students.
Acceleration academies (during school year vacations) and summer learning opportunities for individualized instruction and enrichment	Yes	Yes	District Assessments	Yes, additional school day teachers and tutors, extended time/summer school prgrams will address the needs of all groups included above.
Language support programs, including dual language and heritage language programs (students learning in-home/native language) and associated professional development	Select	Select		
Community-based afterschool programs for parents, including citizenship and ESL classes	Yes	Yes	District Assessments	Yes, the Parent Academy will address theis for all student groups.
Dropout prevention and recovery programs	Select	Select		
<b>Talent Development and Staffing</b>	<b>Our district is using ESSER II funds for:</b>	<b>This strategy will address pandemic-related learning loss/disproportionate impact</b>	<b>What data will you use to measure progress?</b>	<b>Does this strategy/intervention address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, students from low-income families, students with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness and student foster care) ? If yes, please explain which group(s) are being served, what impact is being addressed, and how this strategy/intervention will provide support</b>
Academic support staff, including academic coaches, interventionists, student teaching residency programs, paraprofessionals	Yes	Yes	District Assessments	Yes, the PD for staff will address the needs of all groups included above Their implementation and utilization will directly impact the academic and social emotional outcomes for all students.
Diversifying the educator workforce through recruitment and retention strategies	Select	Select		
Strategies to staff hard-to-staff schools and positions with high-performing educators	Select	Select		
Increasing staff and opportunities for arts, enrichment, world languages, athletics, and elective courses	Select	Select		
Increasing high-quality common planning time for teachers and academic support staff	Yes	Yes	District Assessments	Yes, the PD will provide increase common planning time to address the needs of all groups included above. The implementation and utilization will directly impact the academic and social emotional outcomes for all students.
Developing leadership pipeline programs for schools	Select	Select		
Labor-management partnerships to improve student performance	Select	Select		
<b>Conditions for Student Success - Social/Emotional and Mental Health Supports</b>	<b>Our district is using ESSER II funds for:</b>	<b>This strategy will address pandemic-related learning loss/disproportionate impact</b>	<b>What data will you use to measure progress?</b>	<b>Does this strategy/intervention address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, students from low-income families, students with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness and student foster care)? If yes, please explain which group(s) are being served, what impact is being addressed, and how this strategy/intervention will provide support</b>
Increasing personnel and services to support holistic student needs, including school guidance and adjustment counselors, nurses, psychologists, and/or social workers	Yes	Yes	District Assessments	Yes, the social workers and guidance counselor will address the needs of all groups included above. Their implementation and utilization will directly impact the academic and social emotional outcomes for all students.
Building/strengthening partnerships with community-based organizations to increase student/family access to services for mental/physical health and well-being	Yes	Yes	District Assessments	Yes, the disctrict and school based staff as well as the Parent Academy Director will work with all pertinent staff to increase access to these services for all identified students.
Working with community-based organizations that provide enrichment during the school day and/or out of school time	Yes	Yes	District Assessments	Yes, extended time/summer school programs will adress the needs of all groups included above. The implementation will impact not only the academic needs but also the social emotional needs for all students.
Arranging for wraparound services to be provided at schools	Select	Select		
Engaging community partners to build capacity among educators and support personnel to implement equitable and culturally responsive learning environments	Yes	Yes	District Assessments	Yes, the Parent Academy Coordinator will provide PD on a culturally responsive learning environment that will adress the needs of all groups included above. The implementation and utlization will directly impact the academic and social emotional outcomes for all students.

Create transitional programs, partnering with community based organizations, for students with mental health or behavioral-related absences returning to school	Select	Select		
Parent-teacher home visiting programs to build positive relationships between home and school	Select	Select		
Facilities improvements to create healthy and safe school environments	Yes	Yes	District Assesments	Yes, all facitlies HVAC/air quality improvements will be made to support healthy and safe school environments.
<b>Other Interventions/Strategies/Supports</b> <i>Use this section to describe evidence-based strategies your district will fund with ESSER III that are not listed above</i>		<b>This strategy will address pandemic-related learning loss/disproportionate impact</b>	<b>What data will you use to measure progress?</b>	<b>Does this strategy/intervention address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underserved student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, students from low-income families, students with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness and stude</b>
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### Equitable Use of ESSER III Funds

**How is your district taking educational equity into account when planning for expending your ESSER III funds?**

For example,

- 1) allocating funds both to schools and districtwide activities based on student needs, and
- 2) implementing an equitable and inclusive return to in-person learning by, for example, avoiding over-use of exclusionary discipline and creating a positive and supportive learning environment for all students.

1. The funds are allocated to both individual schools and districtwide student needs. 2. Funds are alocated to provide equitable and inclusive distribution of extended time/summer school programming as well as access to supplemental instructional materials to all schools according to student needs. 3. Professional Development/coaching will be provided to district and all schools staff to meet the identified academic and social emotional needs of all students.

<b>Step 4.4 of 4.4</b>	<b>CDC School Safety Recommendations</b> <i>This information will come from your District Reopening Plan as well as any supplemental/revised reopening policies for your district.</i>			
CDC Recommendation		Does your district have a policy or policies on this topic?	If "Yes," is it described in your District Reopening Plan?	If you have a policy but it is not described in your District Reopening Plan, please briefly describe here.
1	Universal and correct wearing of masks	Yes	Yes	
2	Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	Yes	Yes	
3	Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Yes	Yes	
4	Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	Yes	Yes	
5	Contact tracing, isolation, quarantine in collaboration with health departments	Select	No	
6	Diagnostic and screening testing	Select	No	
7	Efforts to provide vaccination to school communities	Select	No	
8	Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	Select	No	

**TIP:** Note that your district is not required to adopt [CDC school safety recommendations](#) to receive ESSER III funds. This data is being collected for reporting purposes.

9	Coordination with state and local health officials	Select	No	
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