

Use of ESSER III Funds Plan Centralia City Schools #135

The purpose of this document is to outline how money from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) fund will be used by the district. This plan focuses on three main areas to ensure the safety of our students and staff, and also to address learning loss that may have occurred during the COVID19 pandemic. The areas of focus for use of funds are:

- Academic Supports
- Social/Emotional Supports & Health/Safety Resources
- Capital Improvements

Academic Supports:

There is no doubt that the closure of schools caused disruption to the learning process for many students. Educators were forced to adapt and to provide a variety of instructional models, but ultimately, there is no replacement for high-quality, in-person instruction. The programs and staff listed below will have the potential to serve all students, but will especially address student groups most impacted by the pandemic, including (but not limited to) students from low-income families, students of color, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children and youth in foster care, and English learners/migratory students. Centralia City Schools is committing ESSER III funds to the following:

- Provide an afterschool program to support students who need additional resources to succeed, including those who may have gaps in learning.
- Provide a summer school/enrichment program for those students who may have gaps in learning or who may have suffered from a disruption in learning.
- Hire four instructional support teachers (one each for Schiller Elementary, Jordan Elementary, Central Middle, and CJHS) to provide interventions and in-class supports to students.
- Hire two instructional coaches to support teachers, especially newly hired teachers, to ensure that best practices are being used in the classrooms.
- Provide updated curricular materials to ensure that the programs being utilized meet the needs of all learners.

Social/Emotional Supports & Health/Safety Resources:

The events occurring from March 2020 until now have undoubtedly taken an emotional toll on students, staff, and families. The district understands that a child's social and emotional needs must be met in order for learning to occur. Additionally, now more than ever, health and safety

must be a top priority. In order to support these needs, fund will be utilized for social and emotional resources, including:

- Provide two mental health support employees, one for Schiller Elementary and one for Jordan Elementary. These employees will be supervised by staff from the Community Resource Center.
- Provide a nurse for both Jordan Elementary and Schiller Elementary to support the efforts of the nurse already employed at Central Middle/Centralia Jr. High.
- Purchase necessary health supplies for all schools.

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Capital Improvements:

The ESSER III funds provide districts with the opportunity to resolve structural issues that may need to be addressed within their schools. These capital improvements help improve the learning environment and make schools safer for students and staff. As we return to full-time, in-person instruction, the following projects will be completed:

- Building additions at Jordan Elementary and Central Middle (CJHS) to include a multipurpose room at each site. These additions will also include restrooms and storage. The additions will allow for appropriate distancing of students and staff, especially during critical times of the day such as lunches and physical education classes.