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American Rescue Act 2021 (ARPA) Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Safe Return to In Person Learning and Continuity of Services Plan and Supporting Expenditure Plan

October 7, 2021



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Background

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- In response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the U.S. Congress passed American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, which was signed into law on March 11, 2021.
- The ESSER III funding provides LEAs with emergency relief funds to address the impact of COVID-19 on elementary and secondary schools
- The ARP Act requires LEAs that receive ESSER III funds to complete a Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services plan as well as an Expenditure Plan.



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Plan Requirements

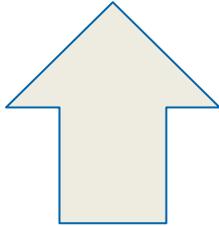
Requirements for Funding

- Participate in Title I for 2021-22
- Apply for funding by submitting the ESSER III Legal Assurances by June 25, 2021
- Have a Safe Return to In-Person & Continuity of Services Plan
 - This plan is the District's Cal/OSHA Safety Plan with a new name
 - It must be revised and updated every six months
- Complete an Expenditure Plan for the use of ESSER III funds and submit to the District's county office of education on or before October 29, 2021

MVWSD's ESSER III estimated allocation is \$2,341,572

Safe Return to In-Person & Continuity of Services Plan Options

<p><u>Option 1:</u> No CAL/OSHA AB 86 Plan in Place</p>	<p><u>Option 2:</u> CAL/OSHA AB 86 Plan in place before March 11, 2021</p>	<p><u>Option 3:</u> CAL/OSHA AB 86 Plan in place after March 11, 2021</p>
<p><u>Timeline</u> 30 days from signing Assurances</p>	<p><u>Timeline</u> 6 months from signing Assurances</p>	<p><u>Timeline</u> 30 days from signing Assurances</p>
<p><u>Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> assurances <input type="checkbox"/> written plan <input type="checkbox"/> public comment/feedback <input type="checkbox"/> revisions <input type="checkbox"/> post plan <input type="checkbox"/> review at least every 6 months until September 2023 	<p><u>Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> assurances <input type="checkbox"/> public comment/feedback (if missing) <input type="checkbox"/> revisions <input type="checkbox"/> post plan <input type="checkbox"/> review at least every 6 months until September 2023 	<p><u>Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> assurances <input type="checkbox"/> revisions <input type="checkbox"/> public comment/feedback <input type="checkbox"/> revisions <input type="checkbox"/> post plan <input type="checkbox"/> review at least every 6 months until September 2023



Required Contents

- How the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff
- How the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services.
- A description of the LEA's practice that provided the public with an opportunity to provide comment and feedback



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Implications for MVWSD

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- MVWSD posted its Cal/OSHA Safety Plan on February 22, 2021 and solicited input in the plan development
- This allows MVWSD to follow Option 2:
 - Assurances were signed on June 24, 2021
 - MVWSD has revised the CAL/OSHA plan to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Safe Return to In-Person & Continuity of Services
 - Revise every six months as applicable through September 2023



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Safe Return to In Person Learning and Continuity of Services Plan Updates

Safe Return to In Person Learning Plan

The original plan written in January 2021 included the following elements:

- Identification and Evaluation of COVID-19 Hazards
- Employee screening
- Physical Distancing
- Face Coverings
- Engineering controls - Partitions between office staff and public / testing dividers
- Cleaning and disinfecting
- Hand sanitizing
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases
- System for Communicating
- Training and Instruction
- Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases
- Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Access
- Return to Work Criteria

The plan was reviewed by the County and state and was posted on the District website in February 2021. It can be found here:

<https://www.mvwsd.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=418858&pageId=16445647>

Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan Updates

The revised plan has been updated to include:

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Links to documents on the MVWSD website including:
 - Quarantine infographics, on-site COVID testing information, and school site COVID safety plans
- Diagnostics and Screening
- Efforts to Provide Vaccination
- Ventilation
 - HVAC updates, Merv 13 filters, and Portable HEPA filters
- Respiratory Etiquette
- Accommodations for students with special needs, including:
 - Remote Independent Study
 - Short Term Independent study
 - Mental Health support services



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Expenditure Plan

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Must submit an expenditure plan to the CDE by October 29, 2021

Required to have the below:

1. How the LEA will use the minimum of 20% of funds it reserves for learning loss to address the academic impact of lost instructional time
2. How the LEA will spend its remaining ESSER III funds
3. How the LEA will ensure that the interventions it implements will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID–19 pandemic

LEAs must engage in meaningful consultation with specified stakeholders



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Expenditure Plan Highlights

ESSER III Safe In Person Learning

Other funding sources outside of ESSER III were used to address safe in person learning. Items purchased included electro static misters, PPE, HEPA filters, and HVAC MERV-13 filters.

ESSER III Funds Lost Instructional Time

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant	Citizens Broadband Radio Service (CBRS)	<p>Implementation of Citizens Broadband Radio Service to improve internet connectivity and access to instructional technology at home for families living within a 0.5 mile radius of school campuses.</p> <p>This is a continuation of action begun in 2021-22. ESSER III funds will be used to complete the project over the course of 2022-24.</p>	\$400,000
	Backup generators for internet systems	<p>Installation of backup power generators to provide uninterrupted internet service at schools in the event of a general power outage</p> <p>ESSER III funds will be used to install generators in 2022-23.</p>	\$550,000
LCAP	3 additional Instructional Coaches	<p>Continue to assign additional instructional coaches for one additional year to ensure each school site has at least one instructional coach.</p> <p>*Overage will be covered by other funding sources (\$5,667)</p> <p>This is a continuation of action begun in 2021-22. ESSER III funds will be used in 2022-23.</p>	\$375,000

ESSER III Funds Lost Instructional Time

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
LCAP	Site-based SEL and Learning Loss recovery strategies	<p>Delegated to site administrators on a per pupil basis. Funds will be used to address site-specific social-emotional (SEL) and academic learning needs directly or indirectly caused by distance and hybrid learning in 2020-21.</p> <p>This is a continuation of action begun in 2021-22. ESSER III funds will be used in 2022-23.</p>	\$500,000
Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant	Hire Coordinator for Expanded Learning Opportunities	<p>Continue to employ for two additional years a district administrator responsible for planning and oversight of Expanded Learning Opportunities and related projects.</p> <p>Continuation of action begun in 2021-22. ESSER III funds will be used in 2022-24.</p>	\$440,000

ESSER III Remaining Funds

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
	Indirect costs (administrative)	Indirect costs represent the expenses of doing business that are not readily identified with a particular grant, contract, project function or activity, but are necessary for the general operation of the organization and the conduct of activities it performs. In theory, costs like heat, light, accounting and personnel might be charged directly if little meters could record minutes in a cross-cutting manner. Practical difficulties preclude such an approach. Therefore, cost allocation plans or indirect cost rates are used to distribute those costs to benefiting revenue sources.	\$82,239

Total ESSER III funds \$2,341,572



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Things to Consider

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- The world of COVID changes frequently
- There have been many changes and updates from CDE as well as CDPH
- MVWSD is reviewing and responding to new information
- The Safe Return to In-Person & Continuity of Services Plan will go through another revision in six months
- The next revision will include input and feedback gathered in a variety of meetings
- There are other plans and funding sources that overlap



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Next Steps

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- We will come back to you on the October 21st meeting for action on the plan
- The ESSER III Expenditure plan will be submitted after the October 21st meeting