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ARP-ESSER III Funds Use Plan

The American Rescue Plan, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant (ARP ESSER III), authorized under the American Rescue Plan provided funding to support schools in the safe reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Use of ESSER funds by the Regional Office of Education #11 will be in accordance with allowable uses and will be in alignment with the statutory purpose of the program. Below is a consolidated list of allowable uses. These uses will also be utilized during reporting on each of the ESSER funds.

1. Funds will be used to meet SEL and mental health needs of students through the addition of a full-time school counselor.
2. Funds will be used to employ a full-time attendance specialist to address the needs students and families have with returning to school.
3. Remaining ESSER funds will be used on intervention and strategies, after school and summer learning and enrichment and support for educators and other school staff, including a one-time stipend for all staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

This plan was developed by engaging in meaningful consultation with stakeholders including school and district administrators, teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators and school staff. The Regional Office of Education #11 will use ARP ESSER III funds to identify, re-engage, and support students most likely to have experienced the impact of lost instructional time on student learning.

Overall plans and policies related to return to in-person instruction are fully defined in the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan.

