

TRINIDAD SCHOOL DISTRICT 1  
ESSER III USE OF FUNDS PLAN

Use of Funds Plan-ARP/ESSER III  
District 1 Allocation: \$3,060,149.00  
20% Learning Loss: \$612,029.80

In response to the COVID pandemic, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) adding funds to the Elementary and Secondary Education Relief (ESSER) fund in emergency pandemic aid. ESSER III funds must be spent to address the impacts of COVID and Districts are required to use at least 20% of funding for addressing the learning impacts of the pandemic.

TRINIDAD SCHOOL DISTRICT 1 TIMELINE:

- September 2021-Received notification of its allocation of ARP ESSER III award notification of \$3,060,149
- December 2021-Online application was submitted to the Colorado Department of Education
- January 2022-Received notification of the Final Approval of Application for Funds

Twenty percent of the award (\$612,029.80) must be spent on addressing learning loss. Currently TSD1 has allocated \$821, 073.24 to address student learning loss. The ESSER III funding period is March 2021 through September 30, 2024. TSD1 will ensure the ARP-ESSER III funds will be used for purposes reasonable, necessary and allocable under the ARP Act. TSD1 will use ESSER III funds for the following purchases (big ticket items) which include addressing the impact of learning loss :

- Instructional learning loss will be assessed and programs such as Summer School Programs and afterschool programs are developed to address identified learning loss
- Technology was purchased to allow students and staff to connect during remote and/or in the classroom instruction
- Continual professional development training is necessary for teachers and paraprofessionals to address student learning loss
- To address learning loss, two STEM labs have been purchased and will be installed
- Social Emotional Learning curriculum was purchased to address the social and emotional needs of students and staff
- Due to COVID, TSD1 has a teacher shortage which was addressed through the purchase of online programs such as Edgenuity and CDLS
- ESSER III funds one special education teacher, one special education contractor, one part-time Truancy Prevention Specialist, one school nurse, one School Resource Officer, one Education Technology Specialist and one online paraprofessional

- Additional buses were purchased to practice social distancing and minimize the capacity of student cohorts on each bus
- Due to social distancing and cohorts spread throughout campuses, additional security cameras were purchased
- TSD1 has set aside funds for device replacements and/or additions

## **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

Community input during the following strategic planning meetings (posted and open to the public):

June 23, 2021  
July 21, 2021  
August 25, 2021  
September 22, 2021  
October 27, 2021  
November 17, 2021  
December 15, 2021  
January 26, 2022

Community input during the following District Accountability Committee meetings:

September 7, 2021  
October 4, 2021  
November 1, 2021  
December 6, 2021

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