

School District of Edgar
ESSER Funds: COVID Relief

ESSER stands for **Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund**. These funds were granted to schools nationally and designated to provide relief from unanticipated expenses due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Specifically, we need to address the following:

- 1) These funds were/are one-time funds. Once they are depleted they are gone.
- 2) These funds were/are designated to address COVID related expenses

List Types of Programs Funding Can be Used for:

1. Preparedness and response to COVID 19
2. Outreach and services to special populations
3. Addressing long-term closures (planning for, coordinating and implementing activities)
4. Education technology
5. Mental health supports
6. Addressing after-school and summer activities
7. Continued staff employment
8. Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities
9. Mitigate learning loss
10. Restore and maintain high quality learning environments

ESSER Funds in a nutshell: (see links for detailed budgeting)

- ESSER I: (3/2020-9/30/2022) \$87,750 (district sub, double bus routes, cleaning and custodial supplies, signage, technology for virtual learning, PPE and nurses office supplies) [ESSER I Budget](#)
- ESSER II: (3/2020-9/30/2023) \$308,309 (virtual teaching stipends, district subs, summer school (learning loss support), 1 bus route, water bottle filling stations, technology) [ESSER II Budget](#)
- ESSER III: (3/2020-9/30/2024) \$691,924 (minimum of 20% has to be used for learning loss) ** subject to revisions as needed [ESSER III Budget](#)

Currently, we have received and spent the ESSER I and II monies, again on COVID-related expenses. These funds are depleted and will not be offered again. As for the ESSER III funds, we have asked students, staff, and the community for feedback on how to spend these funds. With the feedback we received, we have developed a budget for the ESSER III funds. At the February, 16, 2022 Board Meeting the School Board approved the ESSER III Budget as presented. Next, we submitted it to the WI Department of Instruction (DPI) in order to receive approval from the state. Once approved by the State of WI we will be able to begin spending the funds.

As a result of these funds, Edgar School District is very proud to state that we are one of the only school districts in the area that kept our doors open with in person learning

every day during the 2020-21 school year and beyond. We had to make several changes to our normal procedures and these changes cost the district money. Thankfully, we had the ESSER monies to use to assist us with these new protocols.