



INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

In the Fall of 2021, the federal government announced another round of special relief funding available to public schools called the Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III). ESSER III had two separate funds available with distinctly different requirements: ESSER III ARP and ESSER III 11t. Fruitport Community Schools was not eligible for ESSER III 11t.

To collaborate on the best use of these potential funds, and to meet the requirements of the funding, Fruitport Community Schools sought meaningful consultation with key stakeholders in the development of the plan, including:

- Survey input from District staff
- Survey input from District parents
- Survey input from District students
- Survey input from local community
- One-on-one and small group meetings
- Emails and phone calls

We were then able to use information gathered from stakeholders to determine the best way to spend the allocated funds.

FCS USE OF FUNDING

While there were specific requirements and qualifications applied to how the funding could be used, Fruitport Community Schools was able to utilize this funding to provide a number of new and expanded benefits and supports to our school community and families in need. The specific requirements for the funding and the plans FCS has put in place for the funding can be found below.



ESSER III ARP (American Rescue Plan)

FCS Allocation: **\$2,934,539**

- The District must mitigate the spread of COVID
- Spend at least 20% to address learning loss (\$586,910)
- USED has released five questions for districts to consider when evaluating whether the proposed spending is appropriate:
 - Will the proposed use of funds "prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus?"
 - Is it an allowable use of funds under the CARES Act?
 - Is it reasonable and necessary?
 - Does it promote equity?
 - Does it support returning students to the classroom?

Our current plan of use for ESSER III ARP funds as submitted:

- Mental Wellness Materials: \$75,000 over three years
- Parent Educator – Contractor: \$300,000 over three years
- PPE: \$100,000 over three years
- Instructional Materials including textbooks: \$1,100,000 over three years
- Technology programs and materials: \$100,000 over three years
- ELL Staff Member: \$150,000 over three years
- Social Worker: \$120,000 over three years
- MTSS Coordinator: \$300,000 over three years
- Additional Support Staffing for Behavior: \$300,000 over three years
- Additional Instructional Support: \$389,539 over three years