

ESSER III Plan

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 into law. The ARP Act authorized a third round of emergency coronavirus relief to schools across the country through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III). The ESSER III Fund allocates nearly \$123 billion to states and school districts to help safely reopen pre-kindergarten through 12th grade (PK-12) schools, sustain the safe operation of schools, and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students.

The state of Iowa will receive \$774,516,216 from this fund, with 90% (\$697,064,594) going to local school districts. Each school district will be required to spend at least 20% of its total ESSER III allocation on addressing learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions. The remaining 80% of ESSER III funds must be spent on one or more of the allowable activities under the American Rescue Plan.

The Treynor Community School's ESSER III allocation is \$202,069. At least 20% of the allocation (\$40,414) must be used for academic learning needs. The Board of Education, administration team, labor management team, and the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) reviewed the allowable uses for the funds. Through discussion and feedback, we determined that the funds will be used for the following: 1) purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the school facilities; 2) improving facilities and indoor air quality to reduce the risk of virus transmission and exposure; 3) providing educational technology such as hardware and software; 4) providing mental health services and supports; and 5) addressing learning needs by using accelerated learning interventions.