# **ESSER III Expenditure Plan**

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School districts, county offices of education, or charter schools, collectively known as LEAs, that receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds under the American Rescue Plan Act, referred to as ESSER III funds, are required to develop a plan for how they will use their ESSER III funds. In the plan, an LEA must explain how it intends to use its ESSER III funds to address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as any opportunity gaps that existed before, and were worsened by, the COVID-19 pandemic. An LEA may also use its ESSER III funds in other ways, as detailed in the Fiscal Requirements section of the Instructions. In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include community input and/or actions included in other planning documents, such as the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), provided that the input and actions are relevant to the LEA's Plan to support students.

For more information please see the Instructions.

### Other LEA Plans Referenced in this Plan

Plan Title	Where the Plan May Be Accessed
Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)	The District website https://arcadia.edlioschool.com/apps/pages/lcff
Expanded Learning Grant	The District website https://arcadia.edlioschool.com/apps/pages/lcff

## **Summary of Planned ESSER III Expenditures**

Below is a summary of the ESSER III funds received by the LEA and how the LEA intends to expend these funds in support of students.

#### Total ESSER III funds received by the LEA

\$ 7,353,302

Plan Section	Total Planned ESSER III Expenditures
Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning	\$ 0.00
Addressing Lost Instructional Time (a minimum of 20 percent of the LEAs ESSER III funds)	\$2,311,000
Use of Any Remaining Funds	\$5,042,302

#### Total ESSER III funds included in this plan

\$7,353,302

## **Community Engagement**

An LEA's decisions about how to use its ESSER III funds will directly impact the students, families, and the local community. The following is a description of how the LEA meaningfully consulted with its community members in determining the prevention and mitigation strategies, strategies to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, and any other strategies or activities to be implemented by the LEA. In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include input received from community members during the development of other LEA Plans, such as the LCAP, provided that the input is relevant to the development of the LEA's ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

For specific requirements, including a list of the community members that an LEA is required to consult with, please see the Community Engagement section of the Instructions.

A description of the efforts made by the LEA to meaningfully consult with its required community members and the opportunities provided by the LEA for public input in the development of the plan.

The district values and utilizes input from our community in developing all required plans. We utilize several methods to seek and gather input from our stakeholders and engage in meaningful consultation. Stakeholders include committees, advisories, surveys, video conferencing and thoughtexchange. Community members that participated and provided input in this plan include: students; families of English Learners, Color, Students with Disabilities, Homeless, Low income, and Foster Youth; certificated and classified staff; bargaining units; administration of both general and special education programs; and our board. We publicize opportunities to participate on our website, school communications, district newsletters, and emails. Meaningful consultation is ensured through our collaborative processes and through thoughtexchange which allow community members to submit comments, rank comments and engage in dialog around comments. All input is gathered and prioritized using a variety of data analyzation methods. The most common ideas, thoughts and input are prioritized. A draft plan was created and shared for public comment and questions on our website. The board discussed the decisions regarding some elements of the plan at the September 14, 2021 board meeting.

#### A description of how the development of the plan was influenced by community input.

Community input was considered and evaluated with respect to our LCAP, earlier ESSER funding plans, and our plan for Extending Learning Opportunities. Many of the comments from our community were addressed in other plans. The need to focus on increased technology (student access, classroom), addressing the deficit spending due to nutrition services offering free meals to all, and small class sizes in middle school to mitigate learning loss. The community felt that the district's plans to address learning loss were comprehensive. The need to ensure working Chromebooks and to replace older Chromebooks was determined a high priority area because of the increasing problems students, families and teachers were spending too much time "fixing" or addressing Chromebooks not functioning properly. Also the high use of Chromebooks over the past year and half was an additional reason student technology was included in this plan. The district learned much about the use of technology throughout the virtual and hybrid learning over the course of the pandemic. Teachers stated they wanted to integrate many of the interactive uses of technology when providing instruction. Students and parents mentioned a myriad of things that they liked when teachers were engaging students while online. To address this preference and to support teachers with using technology in the classroom, we chose to provide classroom technology that includes large monitors, voice amplification, and chromecast. Lastly, providing funding for professional development collaboration days was added as a priority item. Bargaining units, staff, and parents mentioned that professional development around learning loss, impact of pandemic on mental health, and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) was critical.

## **Actions and Expenditures to Address Student Needs**

The following is the LEA's plan for using its ESSER III funds to meet students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as how the LEA will address the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic. In developing the plan, the LEA has the flexibility to include actions described in existing plans, including the LCAP and/or Expanded Learning Opportunity (ELO) Grant Plan, to the extent that the action(s) address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

For specific requirements, please refer to the Actions and Expenditures to Address Student Needs section of the Instructions.

## Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning

A description of how the LEA will use funds to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning in a way that reduces or prevents the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

### Total ESSER III funds being used to implement strategies for continuous and safe in-person learning

[\$ 0.00]

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
LCAP Goal 2	Safe and Healthy Schools	The district and schools will address the 8 components of	\$ 0.00

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
Action 2 Available on the AUSD website:		safe and healthy schools through a variety of planning, implementation, and evaluation activities. These include comprehensive safety plans at every school, curriculum	
https://arcadia.edl ioschool.com/app s/pages/lcff		development in health and physical education, student and staff health, implementation of the district's COVID safety plan, use of the Williams Act Facilities Inspection Tool (FIT), and increasing social-emotional wellness (i.e. Wellness Wednesdays, Mindful Mondays, Wellness Conference, counseling groups, Social Emotional Learning activities). School safety plans address the unique needs of students with disabilities and IEP teams also create develop individual safety and health plans to support and ensure access for students with disabilities.	

# **Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time**

A description of how the LEA will use funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time.

Total ESSER III funds being used to address the academic impact of lost instructional time

\$2,311,000

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
LCAP Goal 3 Action 3 Available on the AUSD website: https://arcadia.edlioschool.com/apps/pages/lcff	Engaging Instruction through technology	Teachers will integrate the use of technology to mitigate learning loss due to lost instructional time and to close any identified learning gaps. This is related to the action in our LCAP to utilize UDL principles (engagement, representation, action, and expression) to continue to deliver engaging instruction. Teachers with the support of administrators take the core content standards/core curriculum and consider more innovative ways to engage students through the use of STEM, technology	\$1,600,000

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
		integration, technology platforms. They utilize high- interest materials and project-based learning aligned to student interest, learning strengths, and goals to better engage students in learning. Students with disabilities will have IEPs designed around grade-level California Academic Standards-based goals. ESSER III funds will be used to expand LCAP actions through the use of technology to engage students in instruction and learning.	
Extended Learning Opportunities Area 6 Available on the AUSD website: https://arcadia.edl ioschool.com/app s/pages/lcff	Additional MS courses with reduced class size.	Staff middle schools with additional teachers beyond the district's established student teacher ratios to address learning loss resulting from loss of instructional time. Smaller class size in core content areas are designed to close learning gaps more quickly than in a traditional-sized class. This action also allows the district the opportunity to employ existing staff that would have been released. ESSER III funds will be used to support AUSD in retaining teaching staff at the Middle School level and to offer smaller class size to students that have been identified as experiencing learning loss.	\$711,000

# **Use of Any Remaining Funds**

A description of the how the LEA will use any remaining ESSER III funds, as applicable.

### Total ESSER III funds being used to implement additional actions

\$5,042,302

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
LCAP Goal 4	Professional Development (MTSS, safety protocols,	Implement the PD plan with fidelity, to increase knowledge and skills which will result in improved	\$470,661

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
Action 1 Available on the AUSD website: https://arcadia.edlioschool.com/apps/pages/lcff	and lesson design)	practices in the classroom and throughout the organization. ESSER III funds will be utilized to expand professional development opportunities for staff to include safety protocols and best practices as well as lesson design within the MTSS framework to address learning gaps and social emotional needs of students at the classroom level.	
LCAP Goal 6 Action 2 Available on the AUSD website: https://arcadia.edl ioschool.com/app s/pages/lcff	Professional Development Regarding Unduplicated Students	Provide additional support to teaching staff, and support staff to ensure they have the necessary knowledge, skills, and resources to fully engage unduplicated students in learning. ESSER III funds will be utilized to expand professional development opportunities for staff to include best practices in working with unduplicated students.	\$500,000
Extended Learning Opportunities Area 7 Available on the AUSD website: https://arcadia.edl ioschool.com/app s/pages/lcff	Professional Development (mental health)	Training for school staff on strategies to engage students and families in addressing students' social-emotional health. ESSER III funds will be utilized to expand professional development opportunities for staff to include best practices in working with trauma informed classrooms, building social emotional skills and resiliency in students, and professional development for mental health professionals in our district.	\$500,000
Extended Learning Opportunities Area 4 Available on the AUSD website:	Community learning hubs that provide students with access to technology, high-speed internet, and other academic supports	Provide access to technology to students. Ensure teachers and classrooms have adequate technology for teachers and students. (No action listed in ELO plan) ESSER III funds will be used to expand access to technology and ensure one to one technology is updated and in working order. The district did not have funds allocated in our ELO plan for this and will be using	\$2,471,641

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
https://arcadia.edl ioschool.com/app s/pages/lcff		ESSER funds to ensure the district is able to meet associated actions that involve the use of technology in the LCAP and other plans.	
N/A	Nutrition Services	Provide free lunch to all students.	\$1,100,000

## **Ensuring Interventions are Addressing Student Needs**

The LEA is required to ensure its interventions will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID–19 pandemic. The following is the LEA's plan for ensuring that the actions and expenditures in the plan are addressing the identified academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of its students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID–19 pandemic.

Action Title(s)	How Progress will be Monitored	Frequency of Progress Monitoring
Engaging Instruction through technology	<ol> <li>Purchase and installation of monitors, stands and other technology.</li> <li>Teacher survey on use of provided technology.</li> <li>Student assessment and % meeting standards.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Two times per year.</li> <li>End of year survey.</li> <li>Pre and post evaluation of assessment data, and GPAs for secondary.</li> </ol>
Additional MS courses with reduced class size.	<ol> <li>Number of middle school teaching positions saved.</li> <li>Number of courses with lower than district standard student to teacher ratios.</li> <li>Student grades/GPA enrolled in smaller class sizes.</li> </ol>	<ul><li>1) December 2021</li><li>2) End of Fall and Spring semester</li><li>3) End of year evaluation</li></ul>
Professional Development (MTSS, safety protocols, and lesson design)	Lists of SWAG courses, district PD provided, school site specific PD.     Better together survey data	<ul> <li>1) Two times per year (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester)</li> <li>2) Annual better together survey</li> </ul>
Professional Development Regarding Unduplicated	1) Lists of SWAG courses, district PD provided,	1) Two times per year (1st and 2nd semester)

Action Title(s)	How Progress will be Monitored	Frequency of Progress Monitoring
Students	school site specific PD.	2) Annual better together survey
	2) Better together survey data	
Professional Development	1) Lists of SWAG courses, district PD provided,	1) Two times per year (1st and 2nd semester)
(mental health)	school site specific PD.	2) Annual better together survey
	2) Better together survey data	
Community learning hubs that	1) Purchase and distribution of new Chromebooks.	1) One time per year for 3 years. (July 1)
provide students with access to technology, high-speed internet,	2) Retired or refurbished Chromebooks.	2) One time per year for 3 years. (July 1)
and other academic supports	3) Meeting the technology plan timeline.	3) One time per year for 3 years. (July 1)
Nutrition Services	1) Number of free meals distributed.	1) July 2022
	2) Total amount of nutrition services costs as related to reimbursements received.	2) Budget close for fiscal year 21/22

## **ESSER III Expenditure Plan Instructions**

#### Introduction

School districts, county offices of education (COEs), or charter schools, collectively known as local educational agencies (LEAs), that receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, referred to as ESSER III funds, are required to develop a plan for how they will use ESSER III funds to, at a minimum, address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic.

The plan must be adopted by the local governing board or body of the LEA at a public meeting on or before September 30, 2021 and must be submitted for review and approval within five days of adoption. A school district must submit its ESSER III Expenditure Plan to its COE for review and approval; a COE must submit its plan to the California Department of Education for review and approval. A charter school must submit its plan to its chartering authority for review and to the COE of the county in which the charter school operates for review and approval.

In addition, consistent with the requirements of the ARP, Volume 86, *Federal Register*, page 21201, April 22, 2021, the ESSER III Expenditure Plan must be:

- Written in an understandable and uniform format:
- Written in a language that parents can understand, to the extent practicable;
  - o If it is not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, the plan must be orally translated for parents
- Provided in an alternative format to a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, upon request; and
- Be made publicly available on the LEA's website.

For additional information regarding ESSER III funding please see the ARP Act Funding web page at <a href="https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/cr/arpact.asp">https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/cr/arpact.asp</a>.

For technical assistance related to the completion of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan, please contact EDReliefFunds@cde.ca.gov.

### **Fiscal Requirements**

• The LEA must use at least 20 percent (20%) of its ESSER III apportionment for expenditures related to addressing the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs.

- o For purposes of this requirement, "evidence-based interventions" include practices or programs that have evidence to show that they are effective at producing results and improving outcomes when implemented. This kind of evidence has generally been produced through formal studies and research. There are four tiers, or levels, of evidence:
  - **Tier 1 Strong Evidence**: the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented randomized control experimental studies.
  - **Tier 2 Moderate Evidence**: the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental studies.
  - **Tier 3 Promising Evidence**: the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented correlational studies (with statistical controls for selection bias).
  - **Tier 4 Demonstrates a Rationale**: practices that have a well-defined logic model or theory of action, are supported by research, and have some effort underway by a State Educational Agency, LEA, or outside research organization to determine their effectiveness.
- For additional information please see the Evidence-Based Interventions Under the ESSA web page at <a href="https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/es/evidence.asp">https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/es/evidence.asp</a>.
- The LEA must use the remaining ESSER III funds consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act, including for:
  - Any activity authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965;
  - Any activity authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);
  - Any activity authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act;
  - Any activity authorized by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006;
  - Coordination of preparedness and response efforts of LEAs with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments, and other relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19;
  - Activities to address the unique needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, homeless students, and foster youth, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population;
  - Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of LEAs;
  - Training and professional development for staff of the LEA on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases;
  - Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of an LEA, including buildings operated by such agency;
  - Planning for, coordinating, and implementing activities during long-term closures, including providing meals to eligible students, providing technology for online learning to all students, providing guidance for carrying out requirements under

IDEA, and ensuring other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements;

- Purchasing education technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the LEA that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including low-income students and children with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment;
- Providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence-based full-service community schools;
- Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental after school programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of underserved students;
- o Addressing learning loss among students, including underserved students, by:
  - Administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable, to accurately assess students'
    academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiated
    instruction,
  - Implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students,
  - Providing information and assistance to parents and families of how they can effectively support students, including
    in a distance learning environment, and
  - Tracking student attendance and improving student engagement in distance education;

**Note:** A definition of "underserved students" is provided in the Community Engagement section of the instructions.

- School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risks of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs;
- Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and nonmechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door replacement;
- Developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff;
- Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in LEAs and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA.

#### Other LEA Plans Referenced in this Plan

In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include community input and/or actions included in other planning documents, such as the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and/or the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant Plan, provided that the input and/or actions address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

An LEA that chooses to utilize community input and/or actions from other planning documents must provide the name of the plan(s) referenced by the LEA and a description of where the plan(s) may be accessed by the public (such as a link to a web page or the street address of where the plan(s) are available) in the table. The LEA may add or delete rows from the table as necessary.

An LEA that chooses not to utilize community input and/or actions from other planning documents may provide a response of "Not Applicable" in the table.

## **Summary of Expenditures**

The Summary of Expenditures table provides an overview of the ESSER III funding received by the LEA and how the LEA plans to use its ESSER III funds to support the strategies and interventions being implemented by the LEA.

#### Instructions

For the 'Total ESSER III funds received by the LEA,' provide the total amount of ESSER III funds received by the LEA.

In the Total Planned ESSER III Expenditures column of the table, provide the amount of ESSER III funds being used to implement the actions identified in the applicable plan sections.

For the 'Total ESSER III funds included in this plan,' provide the total amount of ESSER III funds being used to implement actions in the plan.

## **Community Engagement**

#### **Purpose and Requirements**

An LEA's decisions about how to use its ESSER III funds will directly impact the students, families, and the local community, and thus the LEA's plan must be tailored to the specific needs faced by students and schools. These community members will have significant insight into what prevention and mitigation strategies should be pursued to keep students and staff safe, as well as how the various COVID–19 prevention and mitigation strategies impact teaching, learning, and day-to-day school experiences.

An LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with the following community members, as applicable to the LEA:

- Students;
- Families, including families that speak languages other than English;
- School and district administrators, including special education administrators;

• Teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and local bargaining units, as applicable.

"Meaningful consultation" with the community includes considering the perspectives and insights of each of the required community members in identifying the unique needs of the LEA, especially related to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Comprehensive strategic planning will utilize these perspectives and insights to determine the most effective strategies and interventions to address these needs through the programs and services the LEA implements with its ESSER III funds.

Additionally, an LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with the following groups to the extent that they are present or served in the LEA:

- Tribes:
- Civil rights organizations, including disability rights organizations (e.g. the American Association of People with Disabilities, the American Civil Liberties Union, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, etc.); and
- Individuals or advocates representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, homeless students, foster youth, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students.
  - o For purposes of this requirement "underserved students" include:
    - Students who are low-income;
    - Students who are English learners;
    - Students of color;
    - Students who are foster youth;
    - Homeless students;
    - Students with disabilities; and
    - Migratory students.

LEAs are also encouraged to engage with community partners, expanded learning providers, and other community organizations in developing the plan.

Information and resources that support effective community engagement may be found under *Resources* on the following web page of the CDE's website: <a href="https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lc">https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lc</a>.

#### **Instructions**

In responding to the following prompts, the LEA may reference or include input provided by community members during the development of existing plans, including the LCAP and/or the ELO Grant Plan, to the extent that the input is applicable to the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. Descriptions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broad understanding among the LEA's local community.

A description of the efforts made by the LEA to meaningfully consult with its required community members and the opportunities provided by the LEA for public input in the development of the plan.

A sufficient response to this prompt will describe how the LEA sought to meaningfully consult with its required community members in the development of the plan, how the LEA promoted the opportunities for community engagement, and the opportunities that the LEA provided for input from the public at large into the development of the plan.

As noted above, a description of "meaningful consultation" with the community will include an explanation of how the LEA has considered the perspectives and insights of each of the required community members in identifying the unique needs of the LEA, especially related to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### A description of the how the development of the plan was influenced by community input.

A sufficient response to this prompt will provide clear, specific information about how input from community members and the public at large was considered in the development of the LEA's plan for its use of ESSER III funds. This response must describe aspects of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan that were influenced by or developed in response to input from community members.

- For the purposes of this prompt, "aspects" may include:
  - Prevention and mitigation strategies to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning;
  - Strategies to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through implementation of evidence-based interventions (e.g. summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs);
  - Any other strategies or activities implemented with the LEA's ESSER III fund apportionment consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act; and
  - Progress monitoring to ensure interventions address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs for all students, especially those students disproportionately impacted by COVID-19

For additional information and guidance, please see the U.S. Department of Education's Roadmap to Reopening Safely and Meeting All Students' Needs Document, available here: <a href="https://www2.ed.gov/documents/coronavirus/reopening-2.pdf">https://www2.ed.gov/documents/coronavirus/reopening-2.pdf</a>.

## **Planned Actions and Expenditures**

#### **Purpose and Requirements**

As noted in the Introduction, an LEA receiving ESSER III funds is required to develop a plan to use its ESSER III funds to, at a minimum, address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Instructions

An LEA has the flexibility to include actions described in existing plans, including the LCAP and/or ELO Grant Plan, to the extent that the action(s) address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. When including action(s) from other plans, the LEA must describe how the action(s) included in the ESSER III Expenditure Plan supplement the work described in the plan being referenced. The LEA must specify the amount of ESSER III funds that it intends to use to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA. Descriptions of actions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broad understanding among the LEA's local community.

#### Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning

Provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions related to Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write "N/A".
- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of the action(s) the LEA will implement using ESSER III funds for prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, in line with the most recent CDC guidance, in order to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning.
- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA.

#### Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time

As a reminder, the LEA must use not less than 20 percent of its ESSER III funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time. Provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions related to addressing the impact of lost instructional time, then complete the table as follows:

• If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write "N/A".

- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of the action(s) the LEA will implement using ESSER III funds to address the academic impact of lost
  instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment,
  extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs.
- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA.

### **Use of Any Remaining Funds**

After completing the Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning and the Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time portions of the plan, the LEA may use any remaining ESSER III funds to implement additional actions to address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as to address opportunity gaps, consistent with the allowable uses identified above in the Fiscal Requirements section of the Instructions. LEAs choosing to use ESSER III funds in this manner must provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions with any remaining ESSER III funds, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write "N/A".
- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of any additional action(s) the LEA will implement to address students' academic, social, emotional, and
  mental health needs, as well as to address opportunity gaps, consistent with the allowable uses identified above in the Fiscal
  Requirements section of the Instructions. If an LEA has allocated its entire apportionment of ESSER III funds to strategies for
  continuous and safe in-person learning and/or to addressing the impact of lost instructional time, the LEA may indicate that it is
  not implementing additional actions.
- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA. If the LEA it is not implementing additional actions the LEA must indicate "\$0".

## **Ensuring Interventions are Addressing Student Needs**

The LEA is required to ensure its interventions will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID–19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.

The LEA may group actions together based on how the LEA plans to monitor the actions' progress. For example, if an LEA plans to monitor the progress of two actions in the same way and with the same frequency, the LEA may list both actions within the same row of the table. Each action included in the ESSER III Expenditure Plan must be addressed within the table, either individually or as part of a group of actions.

#### Complete the table as follows:

- Provide the action title(s) of the actions being measured.
- Provide a description of how the LEA will monitor progress of the action(s) to ensure that they are addressing the needs of students.
- Specify how frequently progress will be monitored (e.g. daily, weekly, monthly, every 6 weeks, etc.).

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