

ESSRS III Funding Usage

The American Recovery Act (ARP) also known as ESSRS III requires the opportunity for district stakeholders to provide input on the plan. The district did an online survey for the district stakeholders to complete during the spring of 2021. The survey was to provide input on items to prioritize for the use of the grant funds. The district also had parents fill out a survey during parent-teacher conferences in the fall of 2021 for additional input on the use of the funds. The following is a description of the priorities identified and budgeted for ESSRS II and ESSRS III funds resulting from surveys the district administered and was approved by the Arapahoe Board of Education. The priorities include:

1. Technology:
 - a. New Server – A new main server is needed to improve the use of new computer based curriculum and other programs designed to provide intervention for students based on their individual learning needs.
 - b. Computers for the Business Office and Data Management are needed for maintaining the security system, student data system, electronic records, financial management and human resources software, etc..
 - c. Student Computers (Chromebooks) – Twenty percent of ESSER III must be used for “Learning Loss.” In 2022, the district will be in need of updating student laptops. The plan is to purchase new Chromebooks for Grades 5 to 12 so all grades levels will have the most up-to-date systems to use in and out of the school building to help students overcome any learning loss they may have had due to remote learning.
2. Counseling Services 2021-23: Students continue to have the need for counseling services and we plan for a licensed counselor for the 2021-2023 school years.
3. School Psych Spring 2022: The need for additional school psychologist services is to address the psychological needs of students impacted by the pandemic
4. HVAC High School - Air Quality: With all the upgrades to the district in recent years, one area that was not addressed was the HVAC system in the current high school. The current system only provides limited intake of fresh air and the overall system needs to be updated. The updated HVAC system will improve temperature control and increase fresh air intake to classrooms.

As the ESSER II & III funds are expended, new priorities or district needs may come up. At that time, the plan may be amended with the approval of the board of education as long as the expenditures are covered under the ESSRS grant mandates.