Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Overview

Community Partner Presentation
Fall 2021
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# Federal COVID Funds Overview

## CARES Act/ESSER I
- On Friday, March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law.
- Provides $30.75 billion nationwide for an Education Stabilization Fund.
- Four grant programs were created through the CARES Act: Education Stabilization Fund Discretionary Grants; Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund; Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER I) Fund; and Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

**PCS Funds:** $23 million

## ESSER II
- The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA), was signed into law on December 27, 2020.
- Provides an additional $54.3 billion nationwide for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II Fund).
- Funding sunsets September 2023

**PCS Funds:** $85 million

## American Rescue Plan (ARP)
- On Thursday, March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act was signed into law.
- It is a $1.9 trillion package of assistance measures, including $122 billion nationwide for the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund.
- Funding sunsets September 2024

**PCS Estimated Funds:** $200 million
CARES/ESSER I Accomplishments

- Successful reopening for in-person and virtual learning
- Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocols
- Launch of PCS Connects
- Nursing Support and Services
- Digital Platforms that Support Learning
- COVID Team
• Plan with the end in mind and build for the future.
• Do not start from scratch: Build from the best of your current vision, mission, goals, values, and strategic plan.
• Build capacity: Invest in building staff knowledge and skills to have both immediate and long-term impact on student outcomes. Invest in educational infrastructure. Retain high performers. Develop homegrown talent pipeline programs.
• Focus on core instruction: Put more funds into improving Tier I instruction than remediation programs
• Strive for high-leverage, high-impact investments, or promising practices with a track record of success.
• Embrace systems thinking: Watch for disjointed projects, initiatives, or products.
• Manage change: Guide stakeholders throughout the process.
• Ensure sustainability.
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Focus Areas

- Ownership and Accountability
- Academic Acceleration - School Year Programs
- Curriculum and Professional Development
- Summer Programming
- Family Engagement
- Student Supports and Services
- Student Engagement Strategies
- Systems Modernization
- Operations to Keep Schools Open
ESSER II/ARP Priority:
School Year Programs for Academic Recovery and Acceleration
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District Strategic Plan Alignment

**Strategic Direction: Student Achievement**

**Strategic Goal 1:** Increase student achievement resulting in improvements for each school’s learning gains, grade-level proficiency rates, graduation rates and school grade designations of A or B.

**Strategic Goal 2:** Ensure curriculum, instruction, and assessment are designed and delivered with a focus on content rigor, student engagement, and continuous improvement of academic achievement.

**Strategic Direction: Career- and College-Readiness**

**Strategic Goal 5:** Achieve the District’s mission for career- and college-readiness for all students by adopting high-quality standards, interdisciplinary curriculum content, aligned instructional practices, appropriate student supports, necessary resource allocations and parent and community engagement.

**Example Projects**

*Does not represent all planned projects*

- Early Learning and Literacy
- Level-UP and Schoolwide Enrichment Activities
- Accelerated expansion of College and Career Centers
- Targeted supports for ESE and EL students
- AVID and Advanced Studies Enhancements
- Tutoring Services

**Estimated Project Funds (ESSER II and ARP)**

$84 million
ESSER II/ARP Priority: Professional Development and Materials for Implementation of BEST Standards
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Example Projects
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- BEST Standards Professional Development Institutes
- Resources and Materials to support BEST Standards
- Redesigned model of professional development and support
- Development of Public Facing Curriculum Supports

**Estimated Project Funds (ESSER II and ARP)**
$59 million
ESSER II/ARP Priority: Summer Program Expansion
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Example Projects
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- Summer Bridge Expansion
- Summer Bridge Coaching Model
- Expand and Enhance Summer Enrichment Programs

Estimated Project Funds (ESSER II and ARP)
$21 million
ESSER II/ARP Priority:
Parent and Family Programs
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District Strategic Plan Alignment

**Strategic Direction:** Communication and Stakeholder Engagement

**Strategic Goal 7:** Develop and sustain effective structures for communication and ongoing engagement of students, staff, families and community

Example Projects
*Does not represent all planned projects*

- PCS Connects Family Programs
- Early Literacy Engagement Strategy
- BEST Standards Family Programs

Estimated Project Funds (ESSER II and ARP)
$5.1 million
ESSER II/ARP Priority: System Improvements to Support Student Learning
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**Strategic Direction:** Effective and Efficient Operations

**Strategic Goal 6:** Develop and sustain effective and efficient use of all resources by providing quality technology and business services to optimize operations for improved student achievement and fiscal responsibility.

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Example Projects

*Does not represent all planned projects*

- Updated and Enhanced Data Systems
- Technology Hardware and Equipment
- Enhanced Communication and Structural Support
- School Attractor, Magnet and Enrollment Support

**Estimated Project Funds:** $33 million
**District Strategic Plan Alignment**

**Strategic Direction:** Learning in a Safe Environment

**Strategic Goal 3:** Develop and sustain a healthy, respectful, caring, safe learning environment for students, faculty, staff and community resulting in individual employee learning, student achievement and overall school improvement.

**Example Projects**

*Does not represent all planned projects*

- Mental Health Triage Teams
- Additional Nurse or Contract Needs
- Additional Support for Students Experiencing Homelessness

**Estimated Project Funds:** $11.6 million
ESSER II/ARP Priority: COVID-19 Operational Supports
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Example Projects

*Does not represent all planned projects*

- Cleaning and Disinfecting
- Unexpected changes in FTE
- Facility Changes or Charges due to COVID-19
- ESSER/ARP Funds Management and Oversight

Estimated Project Funds: $20 million
ESSER II/ARP Priority: Equity
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District Strategic Plan Alignment

Strategic Direction: Equity with Excellence for ALL

Strategic Goal 4: Provide equity and excellence of education by ensuring the needs of each and every student are known and met, in order to increase performance and reduce the disparity in graduation rates, proficiency scores on assessments, participation and performance in accelerated courses, disciplinary infractions and placement in Exceptional Student Education programs.

Example Projects
Does not represent all planned projects

- Administrator On-Assignment for Enhanced Systemic Support
- District Equity Evaluation
- Consultant Support and Partnerships
- Professional Development and Resources

Estimated Project Funds: $10 million
*Starred boxes represent specific positions for program oversight funded by ESSER/ARP.

**Documentation and update processes will also be adopted for District Strategic Plan action goals.
90% DIRECT STUDENT SUPPORTS
ESSER II BUDGET BY FUNCTION

Staffing (Non-Administrative), 54.9%

Health & Safety, 34.8%

Programming and Instructional Resources, 1.4%

Professional Development, 0.6%

Administrative, 0.7%

Technology (Software & Hardware), 2.7%

Program and Grant Administration, 0.6%

Summer Bridge, 3.8%

Enrollment Support, 0.4%
Process

Outcomes

• Seven Year Fiscal Planning
• Approval and Review Procedures
• Enhanced internal and external communication
• Programmatic and Fiscal Transparency
Impact Outcome Highlights (2021-22)

- Summer Bridge Programming Expansion
- Full-Day, Voluntary PreK Expansion
- Early Literacy Programming and Partnerships
- Tutoring Programs
- Student and Family Wrap-around Services and Supports
- Development of Equity Office
- PCS Connects: 1:1 devices in grades 3-10
- Increase Substitute Pay and Bus Driver Incentives
- Employee Testing Sites
- Cleaning and Disinfection Supplies and Equipment
Next phase of stakeholder engagement

ESSER/ARP webpage with feedback mechanism

Implementation and Continuous Improvement of Initiatives
Send Us Your Feedback

Insert link to survey

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5Gb3ye_PH_60r6hvUdDxFiyVi7zI1bGFUQkNVUVBYSEg0TVpYRERQMVBMSTBKMjVOWC4u