



American Rescue Plan

The American Rescue Plan was signed into law in March 2021 which included \$122 billion in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) funds for school districts across the country, which is the single largest investment in federal elementary and secondary education in the nation's history. Marion CUSD #2 has been notified by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) that our district is eligible to receive \$10,843,422 which must be spent by September 30, 2024 as long as requirements are met. All parents/caregivers, district employees, students, and community members are urged to complete a survey to help the district determine what to prioritize with the potential ESSER III funds. Please click the link to complete the survey.

ESSER III Stakeholder Survey

Use of Funds

An LEA must reserve not less than 20 percent of its total ESSER III allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions and ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups. Thus, \$3,494,584 of the total allocated funds of \$10,485,383 is reserved for learning loss while \$6,990,799 is for repair and upgrade projects to improve air quality in school buildings. Additionally the SEA requirements reserve additional monies for learning loss, summer enrichment and after-school programs in the amount of \$255,813 reserved for learning loss, \$51,163 reserved for summer enrichment and \$51,163 reserved for after-school programs. This brings the entire ESSER III funds total to \$10,843,422.

Budget:

Salaries, benefits for temporary additional staff through 2024 to address learning loss, instructional materials and supplies	\$2,737,174
Health Services (additional nursing staff)	\$62,382
Improvement of Instruction Services	\$101,772
Educational Media Services	\$29,099
General Administration	\$67,855
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	\$7,530,663
Operation & Maintenance of Plant Services	\$66,756
Pupil Transportation Services	\$77,176
Food Services	\$79,645
Other Support Services to address learning loss through behavior interventions	\$90,000
Payment to Other Districts/Governmental Units	\$1,000
Total Budget	\$10,843,522