

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund III Spending Plan

Introduction:

The purpose of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act/ESSER III fund is to help school districts safely reopen and maintain safe operation of schools and address the impact of Covid-19 on students by addressing academic, social, emotional and health needs. Gavin School District 37 has been awarded \$1,321,664 in ESSER III funds. This plan describes how the funds will be used.

Prevention and Mitigation Strategies:

As part of our reopening plan, we will be using funds to support all of the mitigations currently in place such as masking, social distancing, testing, cleaning and disinfection, hygiene and ventilation. Previous grants have provided funding for the purchase of masks, face shields, counter shields, gloves and thermometers. The district will also contract with a cleaning service to support supplemental disinfecting cleaning for our staff and students.

Addressing Loss of Learning:

Summer school will be funded through this grant for students who need additional help or show regression. New curricular resources will be purchased to meet the needs of the individual student and aid in recovery of learning loss through learning targets and projects based on assessments and common core standards. Additionally, stipends will be paid for tutoring, remote learning and after school help. Transportation will be provided for summer school and after school learning.

Students' Social, Emotional and Intervention needs:

Gavin School District will use funding from ARP to ensure our schools are welcoming and culturally responsive to all students and families. We will utilize ARP funds for employee salaries and benefits associated with Social Work, Accounting Specialist, Psychology, as well as MTSS and Interventionist support.

Technology needs:

The District will purchase additional technology devices, such as video conferencing kits, and upgrades to existing equipment in order to promote an easy transition to remote learning for those who need it.