

Issue Paper

DATE: 2-26-21

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve KCSD ESSER II (Elementary & Secondary Emergency Relief Fund) budget and corresponding documents

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.11 General Powers and Duties of the Board

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

The federal government recently approved ESSER II (Elementary \$ Secondary Emergency Relief Fund) money to assist local schools dealing with the ongoing pandemic. KCSD's portion of this emergency relief is \$6,453,059 which is to be used to provide in-person learning and to close learning gaps/learning loss for students as a result of COVID-19. Our team has worked to develop the budget to ensure that the funding is utilized to impact our students through direct services. Please see the attached budget and document outlining guidance for our schools when utilizing the funds. It is critically important to note that these are "one time" funds and should be utilized with the understanding that any additional staff or resources provided should be utilized during the existence of this funding to meet the criteria of closing gaps/learning loss for students and to provide in-person learning to the maximum extent possible. We are very appreciative of the financial support to ensure we continue to provide an excellent education for our kids.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

NA

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to KCSD ESSER II (Elementary & Secondary Emergency Relief Fund) budget and corresponding documents

CONTACT PERSON: Henry Webb

Principal/Administrator District Administrator Superintendent

Use this form to submit your request to the Superintendent for items to be added to the Board Meeting Agenda.

Principal—complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director—if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.

Kenton County School District ESSER II - Elementary & Secondary Emergency Relief Fund

,	Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021		Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022		Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023		Grand Total	
Strategies Established to Address Learning Loss:								
ANNUAL ALLOCATION - \$93,500 PER SCHOOL			\$	1,589,500	\$	1,589,500	\$	3,179,000
District Direct Instructional Services	\$	46,000	\$	244,338	\$	166,338	\$	456,676
Professional Services/EdCamp/Stipends								
Professional Services/Keynotes								
Professional Development/Curriculum-Formative Assessr	r							
Subtotal - Address Learning Loss	\$	46,000	\$	1,833,838	\$	1,755,838	\$	3,635,676
Strategies Established to Address Social & Emotional Stress:								
School Mini Grant Application			\$	230,000			\$	230,000
Subtotal - Social Emotional Needs	\$	-	\$	230,000	\$	-	\$	230,000
Student Health Needs:								
COVID Testing Protocol	\$	250,000	\$	250,000	\$	250,000	\$	750,000
Contact Tracing Staff	\$	-	\$	63,617	\$	65,207	\$	128,824
Health Supplies	\$	-	\$	25,000	\$	25,000	\$	50,000
Subtotal - Student Health	\$	250,000	\$	338,617	\$	340,207	\$	928,824
Student Nutrition Costs								
General Supplies	\$	122,853	\$	122,853	\$	122,853	\$	368,559
3 Month Operating Cost/Contingency	\$	300,000	\$	150,000	\$	150,000	\$	600,000
Subtotal - Nutrition Expenses	\$	422,853	\$	272,853	\$	272,853	\$	968,559
Facility COVID Response Expenditures:								
Filter Changes	\$	80,000	\$	80,000	\$	80,000	\$	240,000
Cleaning Products & PPE	\$	150,000	, \$	150,000	\$	150,000	\$	450,000
	\$	230,000	\$	230,000	\$	230,000	\$	690,000
Grand Total	\$	948,853	\$	2,905,308	\$	2,598,898	\$	6,453,059
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Mission

The mission of the Kenton County School District is to provide a world class education ensuring ALL students are transition ready and prepared for the 21st Century Economy.

Kenton County School District Extended Learning Plan

<u>Background Information</u>: Kentucky received \$928 million in the second round of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) federal funding. The allocation per district is based on previous Title I allocations. The new funding can be used for two additional purposes than previous ESSER I funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act that was passed in March 2020. The two additional purposes are: Addressing learning loss due to COVID-19 and repairs and improvements to school buildings. The funds will be available for obligation through September 20, 2023.

<u>Purpose/Goal of Extended Learning Plan</u>: Our goal is to provide robust and targeted instructional opportunities for students in response to curriculum/learning gaps as a result of the disruption to learning caused by COVID-19.

- All schools will have the autonomy to design an extended learning plan that addresses learning loss/gaps for all students as indicated by data.
- The Extended Learning Plan should include plans for students who have experienced learning loss due to inconsistent core instruction because of COVID-19.
- The Extended Learning Plan should focus on providing interventions to students who have specific skill deficits academically and/or socially/emotionally.
- The Extended Learning Plan should include plans for summer learning to include transportation, extended school services to include transportation, and transition activities to include transportation.
- Schools should use tier one standards based data as well as Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) data to identify students who will benefit from extended learning.

• 2 Prong Approach for Extended Learning

- Summer Learning Opportunities
- ❖ Extended School Services during the school year



<u>Summer School/ESS-</u> We are asking the board to approve an increase of the hourly certified stipend amount from \$33 per hour to \$50 per hour. (This is the district average hourly rate plus 15%)

Extended School Services-

KRS 158.070 requires schools to provide additional direct instruction beyond the minimum school term for students in need of extended services. The major emphasis of ESS should be:

- 1) to enhance the present level of performance of students who are having difficulty in one or more content areas
- 2) to provide additional instruction to students who have been retained or are at risk of being retained, who are in danger of failing to graduate on time, or are at risk of dropping out
- 3) to close the achievement gap of low-performing students
 - The intent of ESS is to support the achievement of Kentucky's learning goals and the regular classroom instruction.
 - This is achieved through a system in each school to regularly review student needs based on data and close collaboration among school leadership and teachers.
 - Through the implementation of quality Tier I instruction in all classrooms as well as a strong MTSS system, the need for extended school services for students should lessen. Every school is required, by statute, to offer ESS services to their students.

Timeline for Extended Learning Plans and Use of Funds:

- Summer 2021
- School Year 2021-22
- Summer 2022
- School Year 2022-23
- Summer 2023

Next Steps/Timeline for Completion of Extended Learning School Plan:

- Schools will receive the Extended Learning Plan on Thursday, March 4
- ESSER II Budget/Plan will be presented to the board on Monday, March 1.
- Schools opting to use ESSER II funds during the allocation process must have your plan completed, approved by CAO/ supervisor, and your SBDM council before your scheduled allocation meeting with central office staff.
- School Extended Learning Plans are due on Tuesday, April 16 to CAO and Supervisor.



Principal Support/Collaboration Times @Ignite:

- Tuesday, March 9 9-12
- Friday, March 19 9-12

(DRAFT) KCSD Extended Learning School Plans

ESSER II Funding Matrix