



## ARP-ESSER III District 146 2021-2024 Funds Use Plan

This document serves as the District 146 Funds Use Plan for reopening schools in the 2021-2024 school years. Likewise, the purpose is to outline how funds from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief ARP-ESSER III will be used by the district. This plan focuses on four areas to ensure the safety of our students and staff as well as addresses learning loss that may have occurred during the COVID-19 global pandemic. The four areas of focus are Academic Supports, Social/Emotional Supports, Health/Safety Resources, and Capital Improvements.

### Academic Supports

The global pandemic interrupted our instructional model and forced schools to provide instruction in a variety of ways (e.g. remote, hybrid, asynchronous, etc.). As we return to full-time in-person instruction, we will support academic growth and bridge learning gaps resulting from interruption in instruction by allocating ARP-ESSER III funds to:

- Hire Reading Interventionists to provide intervention and support gains in learning
- Hire Math Interventionists to provide intervention and support gains in learning
- Enhance after-school and summer school academic support programs
- Hire staff members to reduce class sizes and support physical distancing
- Purchase additional evidenced-based resources to support intervention

Resources will be utilized to address the needs of students with a focus of providing equity in learning for all.

Notes: Our plan recognizes that no less than 20% of all ESSER III funds must be used to address learning loss. The cost of interventionists and additional staff listed above comprise more than 20% of the funds granted. The District will use student data to determine needs in the above areas.

### Social/Emotional Supports

As we return to full-time in-person instruction ARP-ESSER III funds we will support adding Family Support Specialists to serve our families in need and ELL communities. District 146 Family Support Specialists offer assistance to our District families in a variety of areas and may be of particular help in transitioning new families into our school community. Support can be in place on a short-term basis or a long-term basis, and can be tailored to the needs of each individual family.

### Health and Safety Resources

As we return to full in-person instruction we have put in place additional safety measures, like test-to-stay, which requires personnel support. Therefore, ARP- ESSER III funds will support additional Health Clerks, a CNA, and an HR clerk who will oversee and manage our COVID mitigation strategies for the 2021-2022 school year.

### Capital Improvements

The ESSER III funds provide districts with the opportunity to address structural issues within their schools. This includes capital improvements that make schools safer for students and staff. As we return to full in-person instruction ARP- ESSER III will support updating our HVAC systems in our school buildings in order to improve air quality.