

ESSER

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A Word About Federal Grants

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund

- Established by law in March 2020
- Purpose: Provide school districts with emergency relief funds to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic
- The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund – ESSER:
 - Coronavirus Relief and Economic Security Act – **ESSER I**
 - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act – **ESSER II**
 - American Rescue Plan Act – **ESSER III**

Coronavirus Relief and Economic Security Act - ESSER I

- Established by law in **March 2020**
- New Jersey received over \$300 million from the federal government
- Lacey Township School District received **\$551,557**
- Grant Period runs through **September 30, 2022**

ESSER I - Allowable Uses

- Coordination of preparedness and response efforts of District and the local public health department to improve coordinated responses among such entities to **prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus**.
- Providing principals and other **school leaders** with the **resources** necessary to address the needs of their individual schools.
- Activities to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population.
- Training and **professional development** for staff on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.
- Purchasing **personal protective equipment** (PPE), as well as **supplies to sanitize and clean** the facilities.
- Planning for how to **provide meals** to eligible students, how to **provide technology for online learning** to all students, and how to ensure other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements during closures.
- Providing **mental health services** and supports.
- Planning and implementing activities related to **summer learning** and supplemental **afterschool programs**, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months.

Budget Terms

- Appropriation:
 - Amount of grant revenue **allocated** by the district to a specific allowable category - e.g. teacher salaries
- Encumbrance:
 - Once a specific good or service, and a specific vendor have been identified, a **purchase order** is drawn against the appropriation which, once signed, legally obligates the district to acquire and the vendor to provide the goods or services involved
- Expenditure:
 - Once the goods have been received or the service has been performed the district then liquidates the purchase order via **payment**

ESSER I - Budget

Category	Appropriation	Encumbered	Expended	Balance
Teacher Salaries	\$186,711	\$186,711	\$186,711	\$0
PPE	142,315	142,315	142,315	0
Chromebooks	94,933	94,933	94,933	0
Employee Benefits	43,144	43,144	43,144	0
Unemployment	38,542	38,542	38,542	0
Software (Newsela +Follett)	41,688	41,688	41,688	0
Instructional Supplies	4,224	4,224	4,224	0
Totals	\$551,557	\$551,557	\$551,557	\$0

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act

ESSER II

- Established by law in **December 2020**
- New Jersey received over \$1.2 billion from the federal government
- Lacey Township School District received:
 - Core = \$2,139,825
 - Learning Acceleration = \$137,324
 - Mental Health & Support Services = \$45,000
 - Total = **\$2,322,149**
- Grant Period runs through **September 30, 2023**

ESSER II - Allowable Uses

- Core:
 - **Same as ESSER I** with the following additions.
 - Addressing **learning loss** among students.
 - School **facility repairs and improvements** to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.
 - **HVAC** repairs.
- Learning Acceleration
 - Research-based academic enrichment activities such as **summer learning academies**, school year learning acceleration academies, and 1:1 tutoring.
 - Activities that support the broader learning ecosystem of students, staff, and families. These activities include evidence-based strategies to cultivate a growth mindset in students,
 - **Professional learning** for educators.
- Mental Health & Support Services
 - **Professional development** that supports the provision of school-based mental health supports and services. The remaining amount can be invested in the further development of **mental health supports and services** within the school district and/or partnerships with community agencies to ensure that additional programming and supports can be provided to students, educators, and families.

ESSER II - Budget - Core

Category	Appropriation	Encumbered	Expended	Balance
Para's/Health Aides	\$597,002	\$0	\$0	\$597,002
HVAC	578,173	129,500	51,000	448,673
Promethean Boards	365,527	365,527	0	0
Master Teacher/BSI	181,023	111,050	75,300	69,973
Benefits	96,783	14,010	0	82,773
Late Buses	96,000	0	0	96,000
PPE	73,500	22,191	13,858	51,309
Awning @ HS	39,000	39,000	0	0

ESSER II - Budget - Core (Cont.)

Category	Appropriation	Encumbered	Expended	Balance
Frontline Central	27,861	14,204	14,204	13,657
NEWSELA(2YRS)	28,750	14,375	14,375	14,375
IXL Learning	21,926	10,963	10,963	10,963
Learning A-Z	12,590	6,295	6,295	6,295
COVID Testing	21,700	4,900	4,900	16,800
Totals	\$2,139,835	\$732,015	\$190,895	1,407,820

ESSER II - Budget - Learning Acceleration

Category	Appropriation	Encumbered	Expended	Balance
Teacher Salaries (Summer)	\$65,528	\$61,323	\$61,323	\$4,205
Instructional Supplies	21,175	0	0	21,175
Non-Instructional Salaries	35,777	28,959	28,959	6,818
Prof. Consultant	5,844	0	0	5,844
Training	3,000	0	0	3,000
Gas and supplies for summer enrichment program	6,000	0	0	6,000
Totals	\$137,324	\$90,282	\$90,282	\$47,042

ESSER II - Budget - Mental Health & Support Services

Category	Appropriation	Encumbered	Expended	Balance
Psychologist Salary	\$40,500	\$6,075	\$6,075	\$34,425
Staff Training	4,500	0	0	4,500
Totals	\$45,000	\$6,075	\$6,075	\$38,925

American Rescue Plan Act - ESSER III

- Established by law in **March 2021**
- New Jersey received over **\$2.7 billion** from the federal government
- Lacey Township School District received:
 - Part I - **\$3,203,844**
 - Part II - **\$1,605,298**
 - Accelerated Learning Coach & Educator Support - **\$345,741**
 - Evidence Based Summer Learning & Enrichment - **\$40,000**
 - Evidence Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities - **\$40,000**
 - Mental Health Support Staffing - **\$45,000**
- Grant Period runs through **September 30, 2024**

ESSER III - Allowable Uses

- Part I & Part II:
 - ESSER III funding has the **same allowable activities as the ESSER I and ESSER II** funds; however 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, such as **summer learning** or summer enrichment, **extended day**, comprehensive **after school programs**, or **extended school year programs**, as well as ensure that such interventions **respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs** and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups.
- Accelerated Learning Coach & Educator Support:
 - Providing evidence-based **professional learning and coaching** opportunities to a variety of school staff, including educators and key support staff on the principles in [New Jersey's Learning Acceleration guide](#) and on topics tailored to the unique academic as well as social, emotional, and mental health needs of their students.

ESSER III - Allowable Uses (Cont.)

- Evidence Based Summer Learning & Enrichment:
 - Time for re-socialization and developing **social-emotional skills** and growth mindsets in students;
 - Academic enrichment and extended learning opportunities, including providing **tutorial services** to help students,
 - An array of activities responding to students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs.
 - **Professional learning** for educators; and
 - Education and training programs for the parents and caregivers of students to meaningfully engage in their children's education, including literacy and other related educational development opportunities.

ESSER III - Allowable Uses (Cont.)

- Evidence Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Learning:
 - Time for re-socialization and developing **social-emotional skills** and growth mindsets in students;
 - Academic enrichment and extended learning opportunities, including providing **tutorial services** to help students,
 - An array of activities responding to students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs
 - **Professional learning** for educators; and
 - Education and training programs for the parents and caregivers of students to meaningfully engage in their children's education, including literacy and other related educational development opportunities.
- Mental Health Support Staffing:
 - Increase access to school-based mental health supports and services for students by building or enhancing a tiered intervention model of comprehensive school-based **mental health supports and services** that are sustainable after the life of the grant.

ESSER III - Budget - Part I & Part II

Category	Appropriation	Encumbered	Expended	Balance
Teachers (BSI,Coaches-multiple yrs)	\$1,505,020	\$0	\$0	\$1,505,020
HVAC	1,250,000	0	0	1,250,000
Benefits	1,221,825	0	0	1,221,825
Guidance Counselor (2yrs)	191,577	0	0	191,577
Psychologist/Social Worker (2yrs)	134,601	0	0	134,601
Technology	100,000	0	0	100,000
Food Service	98,047	0	0	98,047
PPE	75,000	0	0	75,000
HR Secretary (2yrs)	57,709	0	0	57,709

ESSER III - Budget - Part I & II

Category	Appropriation	Encumbered	Expended	Balance
Nurse	55,000	0	0	55,000
Training	40,000	0	0	40,000
Gasoline	26,000	0	0	26,000
Big Brother Big Sister	18,000	15,000	15,000	3,000
NEWSELA	14,375	0	0	14,375
IXL Learning	10,693	0	0	10,693
Learning A-Z	\$6,295	0	0	\$6,295
Lead Program	5,000	0	0	5,000
Totals	\$4,809,142	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$4,794,142

ESSER III - Budget - Accelerated Learning Coach & Educator Support

Category	Appropriation	Encumbered	Expended	Balance
Instructional Coach (2yrs)	\$169,352	\$0	\$0	\$169,352
Benefits	176,389	0	0	176,389
Totals	\$345,741	\$0	\$0	\$345,741

ESSER III - Budget - Evidence Based Summer Learning

Category	Appropriation	Encumbered	Expended	Balance
Teachers	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
Totals	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000

ESSER III - Budget - Evidence Based Beyond the School Day Activities

Category	Appropriation	Encumbered	Expended	Balance
Teachers	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$30,000
Supplies	10,000	0	0	10,000
Totals	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$40,000

ESSER III - Budget - Mental Health Support Staffing

Category	Appropriation	Encumbered	Expended	Balance
Psychologist/Social Worker	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
Training	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
Totals	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$45,000

Summing it up!

Grant	Appropriation	Encumbered	Expended	Balance
ESSER I	\$551,557	\$551,557	\$551,557	\$0
ESSER II	2,322,159	828,372	287,252	1,493,787
ESSER III	5,239,883	15,000	15,000	5,224,883
Totals	\$8,113,599	\$1,394,929	\$853,809	\$6,718,670

THANK YOU!