Bellevue ISD
American Rescue Plan (ARP)
ESSER III Overview

Introduction:

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III grant through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) is available to the school districts for **the purpose to safely open and sustain the safe operation of our school and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on our students.**

Reopening the School District:

Bellevue ISD has had several planning meetings beginning in July of 2020 to discuss reopening procedures and the guidelines set forth by the CDC and TEA. The school district developed a plan to reopen on August 13, 2020. The plan was shortly amended to open on August 20, 2020 to better prepare the staff for online instruction.

Through the school year, the district has had several confirmed cases of COVID-19, has quarantined students and staff (sometimes a whole grade level) at various times of the school year, and finished the school.

The school has continued to follow the cleaning procedures established in the reopening plan. After the Governor passed an order to discontinue the mask order, the board took action at the March board meeting not to require masks of students, but gave the option that anyone could wear a mask that wanted to continue wearing a mask.

Planning for ESSER III

ESSER III planning began with a meeting of all faculty and staff on May 13, 2021 when the school was informed that the ESSER III funding had been released to school districts. Several ideas concerning methods and strategies to help students struggling from learning loss due to the pandemic were generated during the discussion.

A public hearing was held at the May 11, 2021 school board meeting to gather input and information for the ESSER III grant and to help determine a funding plan.

A planning meeting was conducted with the Junior High and High School student council on May 14, 2021 to gather input from students concerning the pandemic.

A District Improvement Team meeting was held on June 10, 2021 to finalize the draft copy of this Continuity plan. At the June 10th board meeting, a public hearing was held to go over the ESSER III Plan including the funding plan and to determine any areas of concern of the plan.

of 2022 may be the greatest help to our students. With the passing of the End of Course exams being a requirement for graduation, the DIT determined that a tutorial summer program be offered to students that were unsuccessful on the STAAR EOC exams.

For the after school program, a list of students that are needing extra support will be generated after MOY testing is conducted in early January 2022. The students will be asked to attend extended learning through an after school program. The school will provide snacks, transportation (extra bus route) and instruction by a certified teacher. The school will purchase snacks, pay for gas and bus drivers for extra routes, pay time and half to certified teachers to provide highly engaged tutorial sessions, and purchase supplemental materials for the sessions. The school will place an emphasis on homelessness, youth in foster care, low income, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, and migrant students.

Conclusion:
At this time, the school is also providing an opportunity for public and parental comment on the continuity plan and the school's ESSER III application. Please send comments to publicinput@bellevueisd.org

Assurances:
Bellevue ISD assures to follow the program guidelines and both Statutory and TEA Program requirements. The school district will comply with all reporting requirements and cooperate with any examination of records with respect to making funding records available for inspection.

Acknowledgement of Funding:
Bellevue ISD realizes that ESSER III is providing funds that expire on September 30, 2024, and that the use of funds for ongoing purposes could result in funding deficits in future years after the funding expires. The district makes no assumption that the state nor the federal government will provide replacement funding in future years.