

Dear Edgewater Community Members,

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) is providing funding to the state of New Jersey and schools to address COVID-19 recovery.

As you may know, Edgewater Public Schools will receive a portion of these funds but must adhere to NJDOE and federal guidelines in creating a district plan.

ESSER III funding is available to address the impact of the pandemic on students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. This will include interventions to address "learning loss", delays in students' academic progress related to the pandemic, and support equity of services and support for various student populations.

Edgewater Public Schools must submit a detailed plan to the NJ Department of Education explaining how it will use ESSER funds to address student needs, including learning loss related to COVID-19. The funds received can be used from now until 9/30/2024.

In a continued effort to have all stakeholders be a part of the decision-making process, we are looking for input from our district stakeholders, such as parents, students, employees, and community members, to develop a plan specific to the use of these available funds.

We thank you in anticipation for your time, suggestions, and considerations as we allocate these one-time funds. Please complete this survey by **November 2, 2021**.

[Please follow this link to the survey.](#)

Sincerely,

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