American Rescue Plan

The American Rescue Plan was signed into law in March 2021 which included $122 billion in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) funds for school districts across the country, which is the single largest investment in federal elementary and secondary education in the nation's history. Frankfort CUSD #168 has been notified by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) that our district is eligible to receive $6,555,663 which must be spent by September 30, 2024 as long as requirements are met. All parents/caregivers, district employees, students, and community members are urged to complete the stakeholders survey to help the district determine what to prioritize with the potential ESSER III funds. The survey can be found on the district homepage.

Use of Funds

An LEA (Local Education Agency) must reserve not less than 20 percent of its total ESSER III allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions and ensure that such interventions respond to students’ academic, social and emotional needs, and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups. Thus, $1,239,432 of the total allocated funds of $6,555,663 is reserved for learning loss while $4,957,728 is for repair and upgrade projects to improve air quality in school buildings. Additionally the SEA (State Education Agency) requirements reserve additional monies for learning loss, summer enrichment and after-school programs in the amount of $256,073 reserved for learning loss, $51,215 reserved for summer enrichment and $51,215 reserved for after-school programs. This brings the entire ESSER III funds total to $6,555,663.