

Limestone Walters #316 American Rescue Plan Act ESSER III Spending Plan

The purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) fund is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impacts of COVID-19 on the nation's students by addressing students' academic, social, emotional and mental health needs. Limestone Walters #316 has been awarded \$113,357 in ESSER III funds. One requirement is to make the district's plan for a safe return to in-person instruction publicly available within 30 day of receiving the funding allocation. The district is also required to post the plan and intended use of grant funds on the district's website.

ESSER III Breakdown:

\$107,072	ESSER III Allocation (20% must be used to address learning loss)
\$4,489	State-level reservation for learning loss
\$898	State-level reservation for summer enrichment
\$898	State-level reservation for after school programming

The district proposes using the majority of the ESSER III funds for the purposes below, which all focus on continuing to meet critical student needs. These proposals are based on a review of student achievement data, enrollment, and a needs assessment. This plan is to be posted publicly on the district website to solicit additional stakeholder feedback.

1. Fund two key positions needed to address the students' academic needs. The estimated cost to fund these positions is \$106,452 over FY22 and FY23.

- 1 FTE elementary intervention teacher to provide interventions for students. This person will focus on learning loss and provide instructional intervention support for certified staff. (FY22 & FY23)
- .5 FTE paraprofessional to provide additional support to students. (FY22)

2. Expand offerings to provide students with comprehensive remediation and opportunity programming. This would include summer enrichment at an estimated cost of \$6,006 and after school programming at an estimated cost of \$898. These costs will be incurred in FY22 and FY23.