

Clifton ISD  
 August 8, 2022  
 Public Hearing in Regards to ESSER III Grant Funds

On April 28, 2021 districts were notified that they could apply to receive their allocation of the \$11.2 billion appropriated to the State of Texas for public education purposes under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Fund. Funds are being provided, supplemental to all other funding sources to school systems, and will not be supplanted at the state level. School systems should use these needs to respond to the pandemic and to address student learning loss as a result of COVID-19.

**Assurance:** Before the application can be submitted, the applicant assures that it engaged in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and gave the public an opportunity to provide input in the development of its plan for the uses of ARP ESSER III funds. CISD assures that it is specifically engaged in meaningful consultation with students; families; school and district administrators; teachers, principals, school leaders, and other school staff. *Each 6 months districts are required to review the Back to School Plan (“Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan”) and the use of funds.*

- Public Notice was placed in the Clifton Record for ESSA & ESSER on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 including survey links.
  - Additionally, during Step 2 of the Registration process for the 22/23 school year links to the ESSA Survey were posted and families were asked to provide input.

**Step 2: Surveys and Communications**

**Surveys**

Clifton ISD actively seeks feedback from parents, students, and staff from time to time. At this time, we have the following surveys open for your input. These surveys are entirely optional, however, we would love your input.

[Clifton ISD Committee Application](#)

[ESSER English](#)

[ESSER Spanish](#)

○ [ESSA](#)

- Public Hearing on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the scheduled Board of Trustees workshop.
- Individuals had until Friday, August 5, 2022 to contact Tiffany Jones (email, phone, in-person) for information in regards to plans for funds obtained through ESSA for the 22/23 school year.

Funding Source	Entitlement	Application Type	Designated Fiscal Agent
ARP ESSER III	\$2,040,791	Apply on Own	--

Statutory Requirements: CISD assures that it will comply with the following statutory requirements:

1. Post our required "Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan" on our website within 30 days of receiving the ESSER III grant NOGA.
2. Implement public safety protocols to safely reopen schools for in-person learning.
3. Meet Maintenance of Equity requirements or receive a waiver from USDE, or document an approved exemption.
4. Expend a minimum of 20% of grant funds on
  - a. Evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning, extended day comprehensive after-school programs, or extended school year programs; and
  - b. Ensure interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of coronavirus on student populations as defined in ESEA Title I, Part A, students experiencing homelessness, and youth in foster care.

**Timeline and Funds Availability:**

**Application:**

**April 27th, 2021** Tea released allocation amounts.

**July 27th, 2021** Application/Uses of Funds Plan Due to TEA.

Application/Plan will be reviewed by TEA and NOGA awarded.

**Funds Availability:**

Initial Allocation Available - \$ 1,360,527 ( $\frac{2}{3}$  total) upon approval of NOGA

Remaining Allocation Available - \$680,624 (remaining  $\frac{1}{3}$ )

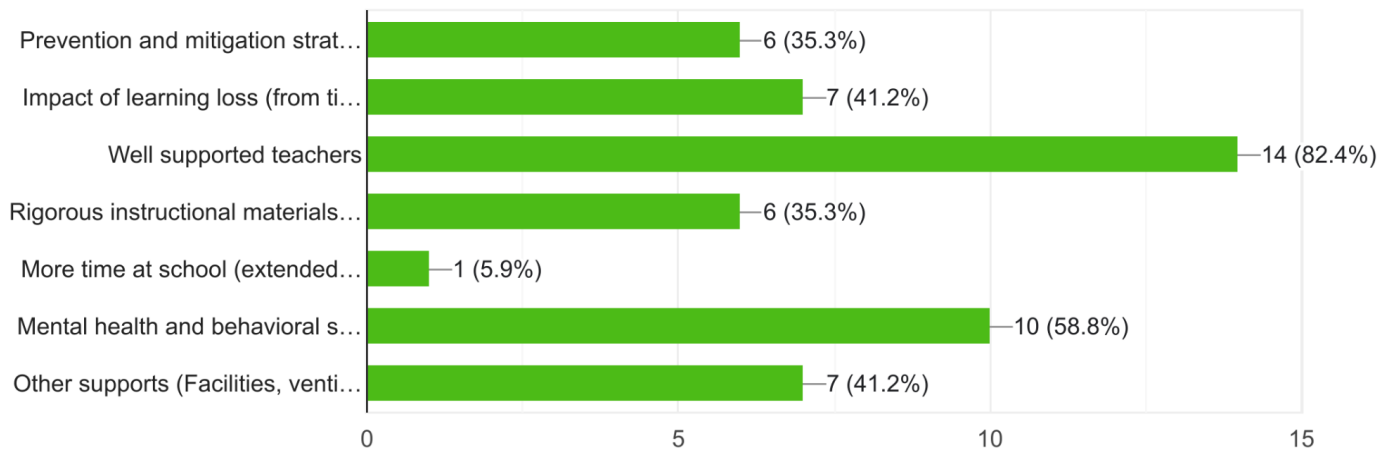
Funds are available through September 30, 2023 plus one (1) year carryover.

## Survey Results identified ESSER III Funding usage (16 respondents):

Which of these options is important to you?

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17 responses

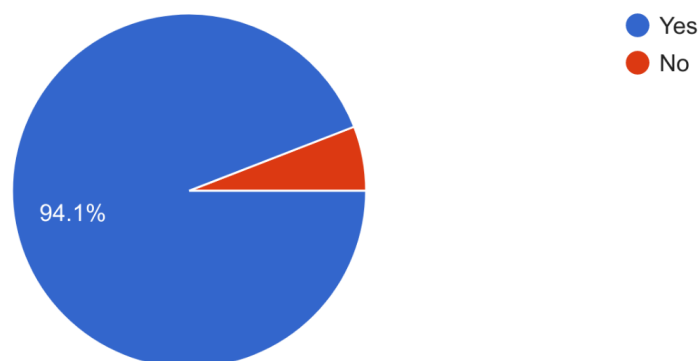


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<https://www.cliftonisd.org/page/team-cisd-esser-iii-required-postings> )

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- Prioritizing a normal learning and social environment is key to a child's mental development
- I don't know the full details of the plan or where to find them

*What questions or concerns do you have in regards to the current plan to address the CDC guidance and to promote a safe environment and continuous services for staff and students? CLIFTON ISD will continue to seek stakeholder input and update our plan every 6 months through September 2023.*

- Will parents be informed of any classroom changes (i.e dividers) that are made?

### **Plans for funds: As part of the ARP ESSER III Grant Application**

- Professional Salaries
  - Teachers (Interventionist/Inclusion)
  - Paraprofessionals
  - Additional duty pay/stipends for after-school tutorials and summer school; professional development instruction
    - Summer School
    - Tutoring & Transportation
    - Reading Academies
- Technology update to support students and staff
  - Wireless Access Points
  - Chromebook Replacement
  - Supplies/Materials
- Mental Health Services & Support
  - Contracted Services
- Items addressing Physical Health and Safety
  - Upgrades in Order to Improve Indoor Air Quality
  - Supplies for Cleaning and Sanitation
  - Options for Outdoor Facilities to Aid in Social Distancing and/or Air Quality (pre-approved by TEA during original application)