



# Dwight Public Schools

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**ARP-ESSER III Funds Plan Overview:** For determining use of ESSER funds, we consult with our local stakeholders including but not limited to District Leadership Team, CDC, guidelines, health department leaders, building health services personnel, Board of Education meeting feedback for our plan and related updating. The plan will include the programs, environment, structure, focus on safely returning for all students regardless of economic status, race and/or color. Areas to address include stocking adequate cleaning supplies/equipment to provide a safe learning environment for in-person learning, accessing health services for covid related mitigations, minimizing exposure opportunities that create close contacts/quarantines, improving social distancing and additional outdoor learning experiences, providing in-person learning activities that help reduce learning loss gaps as well as enrichment opportunities that were pandemic related, furnishing adequate and equitable learning devices not solely dependent on internet, and finding solutions for families that do not or cannot gain adequate and equitable access to internet for remote learning activities and other on-line learning experiences with safe and reliable school filtered wireless broadband. In addition we will focus on our student's social and mental health using our two split guidance/social workers that we already employ. We will continue to have quarterly surveys sent to our stakeholders asking for feedback on our strategies and any future strategies and interventions as needed. **DCS#232 Allotment:** The Dwight Common School District #232 has received an ESSER III allotment from the Illinois State Board of Education of \$821,142. The funds may be utilized through September 30, 2024.

**Required Use of Funds:** ARP-ESSER III funds must be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, in line with the most recent CDC guidance, in order to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning. No less than 20 percent of the DCS District's total allocation of ARP ESSER funds will be used to address the academic impact of lost instructional time during the pandemic on the following items: The bulk of our ESSR funds will be used to hire additional staff, teachers, social worker, nurse and paraprofessional. The estimated cost with benefits will be \$557,387. Another large portion of our funds will be used to purchase curriculum and supplies at an estimated cost of \$117,563.

- Address learning loss by hiring 5 additional sections of elementary teachers to reduce class sizes
- Summer school
- Hire additional paraprofessionals
- After school study program
- Additional after school and summer enrichment supplies
- Additional technology supplies and technology assistance

ARP-ESSER III funds may also be used to repair and upgrade projects to improve air quality in school buildings and to promote and enhance social distancing. The DCS#232 School District will use the remaining portion of these funds on the following projects: additional PPE supplies, additional custodial salary and benefits, additional nurse salary and benefits.

All of these funds and measures will be equally distributed and available to all students and staff at DTHS #230 regardless of race, gender, ethnicity or social economic status.