

# ESSER I, II, & III Grants

Presentation to the Board of Education and  
Public Hearing





# What are the ESSER Grants?

Elementary and Secondary Schools Relief Fund

Established as part of the CARES Act passed in 2020 to address the impact of COVID-19

These funds are allocated to the states and in Illinois, distributed through the Illinois State Board of Education - ISBE.



# What can ESSER Funds be used for?

All expenditures in ESSER I, II, & III should meet the intent of the grant to prepare for, respond to, and prevent COVID-19. The allowable use of funds include:

- Any activity authorized in the Every Student Succeeds Act, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Perkins V, McKinney-Vento, or Adult Education and Family Literacy Act
- Coordination of preparedness and response with local units of government
- Providing districts with resources to address the needs of their schools
- Activities to address the unique needs of disadvantaged students
- Developing and implementing procedures for preparedness and response efforts
- Training and professional development on sanitation
- Supplies for sanitation
- Planning for and coordinating long-term closures
- Technology
- Mental health services
- Summer and extended learning opportunities
- Addressing learning loss
- Preparing schools for reopening and testing
- Repairing and upgrading projects to improve air quality in school buildings



## What are the District allocations?

ESSER I: \$678,578

ESSER II: \$2,585,533

ESSER III: \$5,803,933



## **How long does the District have to spend the funds?**

ESSER I: September 30, 2022

ESSER II: September 30, 2023

ESSER III: September 30, 2024



## How have we spent ESSER Funds so far?

- Non-public school share = 15% of total ESSER I allocation only
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Cleaning and sanitation
- Summer School Year Extension Program
- Summer social and emotional support for students
- Online remediation programs
- Education technology (EdTech) solutions
- Professional Development



## Plans for ESSER III funds

- Continuation of ESSER I & II programs that have been working for students
- Funding of virtual learning formats for students in 21-22 school year
- Filling transportation gaps in PACE bus service for students
- HVAC upgrades as part of construction



## Plans for School Year 2021-22 and Beyond

- Fully open with 5 days of class a week
- Freshman and sophomore only days to start the year
- A/B Block schedule to maximize time and student opportunities
- Virtual Academy options
- An increase in blended approaches as part of the new landscape of school
- Capital replacement projects to improve air quality in school buildings





# Safety Protocols

- Covid-19 cleaning regimens will be maintained
- Vaccinations are now available for students 12 and older. This greatly reduces the risk of spreading Covid-19
- D207 is NOT requiring that students and staff be vaccinated, but we are tracking the percent of our staff being vaccinated - currently 90%
- It is our CURRENT belief that quarantine protocols and social distancing protocols will be eliminated or greatly reduced by the start of the 2021-22 school year
- D207 is dedicated to having the least restrictive protocols for Covid-19 that is allowable by ISBE and IDPH

**SCHOOL SHOULD FEEL MUCH MORE NORMAL FOR EVERYONE!**