

Henry-Senachwine Community Unit School District #5

ESSER III Funds Use Plan

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Illinois School Districts have been awarded federal funding in three phases through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER I, ESSER II, and ESSER III). Schools must reserve at least 20% of its ARP ESSER III allocation to address student learning loss, students' academic, social, and emotional needs, and address the impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented groups. ESSER III funds can also be used for staffing and to implement public health protocols for the reopening and operation of school facilities to maintain the health and safety of students educators, and other staff.

The current District spending plan framework allocates \$954,595 ESSER III funds to the following areas:

1. Summer school programming to address learning loss
2. After school tutoring program to address learning loss
3. Summer school programs to provide enrichment for students
4. Social work services for students
5. HVAC/Air Conditioning Project at HSGS/JH to improve air quality and efficiency

Henry-Senachwine School District's ESSER III allocation totaled \$954,595. These ESSER III funds will be expended in school years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. A breakdown is provided below:

- ARP - ESSER III Allocation = \$941,570 (at least 20%, which totals \$188,314, must be used to address learning loss)
- State-Level Reservation – Learning Loss = \$9,303
- State-Level Reservation – Summer Enrichment = \$1,861
- State-Level Reservation – After School = \$1,861
- Total Funds Available - \$954,595

Henry-Senachwine Schools will mitigate learning loss by allocating the ESSER III funding toward summer school offerings, after school tutoring programming and to support the retention and addition of school social workers to provide social work services for students. The District will use data from an SEL screener to assist in identifying and servicing students in need of SEL services, particularly for those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. ESSER III funding for summer enrichment will be allocated toward the purchase of an APEX subscription, which is a web-based curriculum used for summer school and enrichment courses.

The remaining ESSER III general fund allocation will be applied toward an HVAC upgrade/repair at Henry-Senachwine Grade/Junior High School. As a prevention/mitigation strategy consistent with CDC guidance, this upgrade/repair will improve air quality in school buildings and limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus by bettering air quality and efficiency.

Meaningful consultation with stakeholders involved surveying district families, teachers, staff, and administrators to gather input related to the spending plan. The ESSER III spending plan framework is posted on the website and the public was able to provide input via a feedback link. Multiple board meetings were held to present on the plan and the allocation of the ESSER III funds and to allow for public input regarding the plan.

An itemized breakdown of ESSER III fund use is provided below:

Allocations – Learning Loss:

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| Social Worker Salaries/Benefits | \$174,993 |
| Summer School Salaries/Benefits | \$10,758 |
| After School Tutoring Salaries/Benefits | \$2,252 |
| ROE #35 Truant and SEL Program | \$10,478 |
| APEX Web-Based Curriculum | \$1,000 |
| Learning Loss Total | \$199,481 |

Allocation – After School:

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| After School Tutoring Salaries/Benefits | \$1,861 |
| After School Total | \$1,861 |

Allocation – Summer Enrichment:

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| APEX Web-Based Curriculum | \$1,861 |
| Summer Enrichment Total | \$1,861 |

Allocation – General Fund:

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| HVAC Upgrade/Repair at HSGS/JH | \$751,392 |
| General Fund Total | \$751,392 |

Overview of ESSER III Fund Allocation:

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| Learning Loss Total | \$199,481 |
| After School Total | \$1,861 |
| Summer Enrichment Total | \$1,861 |
| General Fund Total | \$751,392 |
| ESSER III Fund Grand Total | \$954,595 |