ESSER III Funds Use Plan

The Knoxville CUSD #202 recognized the need to include both a vigorous curriculum with high expectations for teaching and learning, as well as the need to do so in the most cost-effective way. To address these needs, district administration, staff, members of the Board of Education, along with community input, developed curriculum to address the learning gap created from COVID, while continuing to raise the bar of excellence.

To address instructional time, after school tutoring will be provided for students in need of assistance. Additional technology will also be used to support enhanced learning opportunities, including both on-site instruction as well as the potential for remote, or at-home learning needs. The public (including all levels of school personnel, parents, and community) collaborated to determine the areas that were in most need. As a result, additional counseling and a school nurse were added to district staff. ESSER funds are being used as the primary source to secure the positions. As a result, overall health awareness, programs to address interpersonal conflict, empathy and improved communication skills have been put into place. Finally, to secure a clean environment in the elementary school building, new boilers have been purchased.

Per ISBE, each school district that receives ESSER III funds must develop a plan for its use and submit it within 90 days of the respective funds being used. School districts must provide public opportunity to offer input into the plan, take such input into account, and post the ESSER plan on its website.

ESSER II Projected Allocation – \$168,549

ESSER II Projected Expenditures for FY2021:

- \$74,961 RTI Services
- \$86,088 Technology
- \$7,500 Improved Playground Equipment, Mable Woolsey Elementary

ESSER III Projected Allocation for FR 2021-2024 = \$1,413,154

Funds may be used for allowable activities from March 2020 through September 2024.

State mandated distribution:

- \$589,610 Loss of Learning
- \$19,302 Summer Enrichment
- \$19,302 After School Programs