

## Siuslaw School District – Pandemic Relief Fund Summary

### ESSER III – 2023-2024 (Year 3) Updated Planned Expenditure Narrative

US Congressional Action	National K-12 Funding	Allocation to Oregon Public Schools	Allocation to Siuslaw School District 97J	Fund Closure Date	Balance at Start of School Year 23-24; Federal Budget Year
CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, ESSER I, March 2020)	\$13.2 billion	\$121 million	\$828,428	September 2022	\$0
CRRS Act (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, ESSER II, December 2020)	\$54.3 billion	\$499 million	\$3,510,763	September 2023	\$0
American Rescue Plan Act (ESSER III, March 2021)	\$122.8 billion	\$1.1 billion	\$7,890,204	September 2024	\$3,350,123 planned or encumbered

The projected overall ESSER funding awarded to the District and its partners is almost \$12,229,395. There is approximately \$3.35 million in remaining funds to invest as a response to the impact and subsequent recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

When CARES Act (ESSER I) funding became available to support and maintain operations, the District's initial investment focus was to address immediate and urgent needs. ESSER I funded preparations for hybrid learning, health-related materials and supplies such as masks, sanitizing classrooms & buildings, and planning & materials for home learning.

CRRSA (ESSER II) funding was used to get schools ready for in-person learning; funds were utilized for facility upgrades like Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) upgrades, building modifications and classroom modifications. The funding was also used to ensure there was enough personal protective equipment for in-person learning.

As the pandemic continued, additional needs surfaced, and additional federal relief was appropriated through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA or ESSER III). To further enhance the approach to prioritizing this third round of ESSER funding, under guidance from the Oregon Department of Education, in 2022-23 the district leveraged the feedback from our Student Investment Account community engagement, as well as staff, parent and community budget input. In 2019, SSD engaged many diverse groups of community

stakeholders to design our Student Investment Account (SIA) plan. As a result, in 2022-23 Siuslaw schools braided SIA and ESSER funds for learning & operational needs that manifested across five general areas:

- Facility projects,
- Technology initiatives,
- Social, emotional and mental health services,
- Safe operation of schools,
- Addressing student learning needs

**Projected ESSER Investment Plan Through September 2024**

<b>Investment Area – Spending Category</b>	<b>Planned Expenditure – Year 3</b>
Addressing student learning needs	\$969,348
Addressing Physical Health & Safety	\$178,270
Meeting Academic, Social, Emotional & other needs	\$1,049,730
Mental Health Supports for Students & Staff	\$191,000
Operational Continuity & Capital Projects	\$1,346,236
Staff recruitment, retention & training	\$479,000