

Irvington CCSD #11 Esser III Spending Plan

Under the American Rescue Plan (ARP), which became law in March 2021, school districts around the country will receive funding to address the impact of COVID-19 on students' academic, social, emotional and mental health needs. This funding is known as "ESSER III."

"ESSER" is short for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief. ESSER III receives its numerical designation from the fact that the ARP ESSER Fund is the third set of COVID-related federal relief grants for schools that Congress has passed since the pandemic began. ESSER I and ESSER II were established respectively by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in March 2020 and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act in December 2020.

How did Irvington CCSD #11 engaged in meaningful consultation with all stakeholders?

With guidance from the CDC recommendations, an Esser III committee, which is comprised of representatives from teachers, district administration, staff, board, and community members, after receiving public input via surveys, has recommended the following areas that will be addressed with the ESSER III funds to ensure the safety and well-being for all students and staff of IGS. These actions will not only help to close the learning gaps that students have experienced, but will help our school to open safely, and operate continuously for in-person learning.

How much money will ESSER III provide?

ESSER III will provide nearly \$122 billion to state educational agencies and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation's students.

Irvington CCSD #11 is expected to receive \$152,463 in ESSER III funds.

How will Irvington CCSD #11 use its ESSER III funds?

This spending plan focuses on two areas to ensure the safety of our students and staff as well as address learning loss that may have occurred during the COVID-19 global pandemic. Our plan recognizes that no less than 20% of all ESSER III funds (\$30,493) must be used to address learning loss. The costs listed below are estimates only. In order to support individual student success, teachers and administrators will analyze data to determine the supports needed for each student.

As presented to the Irvington CCSD #11 Board of Education on February 22, 2022, the District plans to use its ESSER III grant money in two major areas, pending approval from the Illinois State Board of Education:

1. Academics and Improvement of Instruction

- Staff and instructional materials to provide curriculum supplies and materials. This includes, but not limited to general supplies such as paper, pencils, online subscriptions and supplies needed in efforts to curb learning loss due to COVID-19. (\$5,000)
- Classroom enrichment aide for the 22/23 school year to assist struggling students. (\$27,000)

2. Sanitation and Air Quality

- Salary for custodian to help keep school clean and free of germs. (\$27,000)
- Repair and upgrade of all windows and ventilation in the building to improve air quality. (\$93,000)