



# Arlington Public Schools

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TO: School Committee Members

FROM: Michael Mason, Jr.

RE: ESSER III Update

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In response to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) the United States Government The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, was enacted on March 11, 2021. The ARP Act provides additional funding for school districts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Education portion of ARP is known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III or ARP ESSER) Fund. The purpose of the ESSER III fund is to support the safe reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Arlington Public Schools was permitted to use ESSER III funds to address the impact COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools. In addition, Arlington Public Schools must reserve at least 20 percent of its ESSER III funds to address lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions and ensure that those interventions respond to students' social, emotional, and academic needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups. In order to allocate and use ESSER III, Arlington Public Schools also must consult with stakeholders within the community, and determine the best use of the funds before submitting their grant application, which serves as the district's ESSER III implementation plan. Therefore, we are providing this update on the spending of ESSER III and intend to adjust the allocation of ESSER III in the FY24 Budget development process. The administration will likely pair with the FY24 Budget a plan on how to spend ESSER III using feedback from stakeholders, such as the School Committee.

The current budget of ESSER III is below:

Description	FY22	FY23	FY24	Total Budget
Equity Audit and Strategy Development	\$135,875.00	\$169,075.00	\$41,132.00	\$346,082.00
Teacher Leadership and Professional Learning	\$115,367.96	\$245,367.96	\$70,000.00	\$430,735.92
Engagement, Mental Health, School Culture	\$30,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
Acceleration and Improvement of Coaching Models	\$73,333.33	\$113,200.00	\$21,632.00	\$208,165.33
<i>Subtotal:</i>	<i>\$354,576.29</i>	<i>\$597,642.96</i>	<i>\$132,764.00</i>	<i>\$1,084,983.25</i>
Fringe Benefits:	\$4,800.00	\$34,976.00	\$8,893.76	\$48,669.76
<b>Year 1-3 Totals:</b>	<b>\$359,376.29</b>	<b>\$632,618.96</b>	<b>\$141,657.76</b>	<b>\$1,133,653.01</b>



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The current spending and anticipated spending versus the budget of ESSER III is below:

Description	Budget	Actual	Encumbered	Remaining
Equity Audit and Strategy Development	\$346,082.00	\$21,850.00	\$18,800.00	\$305,432.00
Teacher Leadership and Professional Learning	\$430,735.92	\$40,834.00	\$34,166.00	\$355,735.92
Engagement, Mental Health, School Culture	\$100,000.00	\$81,408.24	\$0.00	\$18,591.76
Acceleration and Improvement of Coaching Models	\$208,165.33	\$35,415.00	\$0.00	\$172,750.33
<i>Subtotal:</i>	<i>\$1,084,983.25</i>	<i>\$179,507.24</i>	<i>\$52,966.00</i>	<i>\$852,510.01</i>
Fringe Benefits:	\$48,669.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48,669.76
<b>Year 1-3 Totals:</b>	<b>\$1,133,653.01</b>	<b>\$179,507.24</b>	<b>\$52,966.00</b>	<b>\$901,179.77</b>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Business Office.