



Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund III (ESSER III)

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund III (ESSER III) are funds provided to school districts under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools as well as address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students. These allocations are based on each school district's proportionate share of Title I funds received during school year 2020-2021. The Laveen School District has been allocated \$10,249,325.54 under these funds which will be available to use up until September 30, 2024.

Under ESSER III a minimum of 20% (\$2,049,865.11) of the allocation must be used directly to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions. We are happy to report Laveen has reserved 41% (\$4,210,071.90) of the allocation well over the 20% requirement.

The following is a breakdown of how these funds will be used:

Summer School

A robust summer school program will be provided for our students. Eligibility will be determined based on various measures including assessment data, and targeting students experiencing homelessness, foster care, poverty, English learners, children with disabilities, as well as minorities. Summer school will focus on students' academic and social emotional needs.

Special Education Tutoring

Students with disabilities will receive the opportunity to attend focused academic tutoring with certified special education staff.

Laveen Online Academy (LOA)

The LOA was created in response to the pandemic to provide an accredited and robust distance learning option for families seeking it for their children.

Staff

Various positions for staff will be funded with ESSER. This includes classroom size reduction teachers, special education staff, school instructional coaches, tutors, instructional assistants, school receptionists, parent liaison, bus drivers and management positions. These funds also cover the cost of our Classified Staff Referral incentive program to help fill classified positions.

Instructional Resources

Additional instructional resources will be acquired to help teachers have all the resources they need to accelerate learning and recover learning loss. This will include the replacement and addition of academic and social emotional curriculum; as well as lesson management programs, assessment programs and classroom supplies.

Professional Development

Professional Development will be provided for teachers focused on addressing the learning needs of students. Topics will include quality interventions, curriculum development, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, and classroom management.