

Chester East Lincoln CCSD #61 has received funds under the ARP-LEA American Rescue Plan-(ESSER III) to help safely reopen schools and address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students. Of the total awarded, at least 20% of the grant funds must be spent to address learning loss incurred. Below is a summary of the projected budget items.

ESSER 3 General Allocation \$317,161 (minimum 20% to address learning loss)

General Use \$237,101

- Construction, equipment and supplies to repair and improve facilities as well as reducing the risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, as well as returning existing facilities to original pre-pandemic state.
- Staff to assist in the development of strategies and implementation of public health protocols and to assist in the operation of schools to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and staff.
- Staff, equipment and supplies that allow for the following of CDC and IDPH guidelines to provide a safe learning environment, communicate with parents, community and public, as well as providing resources to all staff to enhance the overall education provided to the students.
- Salaries and benefits and supplies to retain and grow positions and boost morale due to shortages caused by the pandemic.
- Stipend pay for additional duties required during COVID.
- Facilities upgrades for schools to improve indoor air quality as recommended by CDC, IDPH and ISBE guidance.

Learning Loss \$80,060

- Purchase of instructional programs, supplies and curriculum to enhance the instruction of the students and improve student achievement and growth.
- Purchase of technology supplies/cases to assist with the 1:1 initiative in the district.
- Professional development to advance the knowledge of teachers in order to teach effectively in a post-pandemic environment. Professional development to assist teachers to identify and assist at risk students with learning loss created by the pandemic and school closure.
- Staff to assist with students that are struggling/lagging behind academically as well as to foster positive learning environments and small class sizes to facilitate academic achievement and account for learning loss.

ESSER 3 Set Aside Allocation \$6,560

Additional Learning Loss Funding \$4,686

- Salary for staff to provide summer school, as well as busing, to address learning loss and provide assistance to struggling students in order to improve the overall student growth and achievement of students in the district.

After School Programming \$937

- Salary for staff to provide after school programs and summer school, as well as busing, to address learning loss and provide assistance to struggling students in order to improve the overall student growth and achievement of students in the district.

Summer School Programming \$937

- Salary for staff to provide summer school, as well as busing, to address learning loss and provide assistance to struggling students in order to improve the overall student growth and achievement of students in the district.