

Holland ISD
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant (ESSER)
ESSER III Use of Funds Plan

Overview:

Texas school districts received the news that ESSER III funds would be available on April 28, 2021. These funds must be used to respond to the pandemic and to address student learning loss, or unfinished learning, as a result of COVID-19. The Texas Education Agency encourages school systems to plan for how to use these funds over the entire three year period, ending September 2024. Holland ISD must seek community engagement and post on our website the “Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan”, which we call the “Return to School Framework”. This document is also required which explains our use of funds.

Community Engagement:

Holland ISD emailed and posted a survey from January 21-February 4, 2022 on our website and held a public comment session on February 9, 2022 at the school board meeting. We received meaningful feedback to allocate the \$924,416 entitlement. The survey feedback and campus assessment data were used to create the following list of needs.

Purpose:

The purpose of these funds is to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including its impact on the social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs of students.

Use of Funds:

Over the next three years, over \$700,000 will be used to address the learning gap through additional personnel focused on interventions, personnel for small groups, new technology devices, new tools to assess student needs, new intervention options, extra staff to support the summer program, and new training for staff to help reduce the deficits. Holland ISD will spend approximately \$100,000 to support the social and emotional learning needs by adding extra mental health services, an additional counselor, and weekly social and emotional lessons. The remaining funds will be used to support the facilities by upgrading the ventilation filters, additional custodial staff, and additional student and cleaning supplies.

Please call the Administration Building at 254-657-0175 for clarification or any other questions.

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