


As a part of the American Rescue Plan, the Norris School District has been awarded Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III funding. ESSER III provides additional funding for school districts to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic to support and sustain safe reopenings and safe operations of schools while meeting students' academic, social, and emotional, and mental health needs resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Esser III contains requirements for how the funding must be spent including:

- A District Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction
- District Plan on the Use of ESSER III Funds
- Robust consultation with district stakeholders to determine our district's priorities
- A minimum of 20% of the funding must be spent on mitigating lost instructional time

The Norris School District has developed our Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan (Covid Safety Plan) which is available on our NSD website at www.norris.k12.ca.us .

The second requirement is to prepare our Esser III Use of Funds Plan. This is where we are asking for your help. We are reaching out to all of stakeholder groups including the following:

- Students and Families
- All NSD Staff and their Unions
- Stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English language learners. children experiencing homelessness, children and youth in foster care, migratory students, and civil rights organizations.

We are seeking feedback on the following:

- How funds will be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies aligned with CDC guidance.
- How to use a minimum of 20% of the funding to set-aside to to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through evidenced based interventions.
- How to use funding to ensure that interventions employed will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of our students.

The ESSER III Funding is to be used beginning at the completion of our spending plan until September 30th, 2024. For our initial spending plan, we are asking that your feedback be submitted no later than September 30th, 2021. We will continue to ask for feedback as we revisit and make needed revisions every six months.

Please take some time to go to our website under the District “Stakeholder Feedback” Link and submit your feedback: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSehiVaRqec_eemGQkP3cnf_uQ0JUmZl7hm--30QJeNFseQO2w/viewform

For additional information regarding ESSER III including allowable uses and frequently asked questions, please go to the CDE website at ESSER III Funds .

As always, we know that our partnership with our families and community is vital and we appreciate your ongoing feedback and support.