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South Lake Schools ESSER Town Hall

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government allocated funds through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to schools to maintain services to students and the community and meet the increasing costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Allocations were issued in 3 parts ESSER I, ESSER II, and ESSER III. ESSER I and II were allocated by the district to maintain staffing, reduce class sizes, and provide necessary cleaning and disinfecting supplies needed to maintain school operations safely. South Lake Schools is looking for input from the community on how the funds from ESSER III should be spent within the requirements of federal and state guidelines. As such, we are planning 3 opportunities for the community to engage with South Lake and have a voice in how these funds are used. Town Halls are scheduled as follows and will be in the South Lake Schools Board of Education Room at 23101 Stadium Drive, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

- **February 2, 2022, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**
- **February 2, 2022, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
- **February 9, 2022, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

ESSER Funds must be spent according to the following guidelines:

Allowable Expenditure 1 – Any activity authorized by the ESEA of 1965.

Allowable Expenditure 2 – Coordination of preparedness and response efforts to respond to the coronavirus.

Allowable Expenditure 3 – Provide principals and other school leaders with the resources necessary to address the needs of their individual schools.

Allowable Expenditure 4 – Activities to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population.

Allowable Expenditure 5 – Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies.

Allowable Expenditure 6 – Training and professional development for staff of the local educational agency on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.

Allowable Expenditure 7 – Purchasing supplies and clean the facilities of a local educational agency, including buildings owned by such agency.

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Allowable Expenditure 8 – Planning for and coordinating long-term closures, including for how to provide meals to eligible students, how to provide technology for online learning to all students, how to provide guidance for carrying out requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and how to ensure other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all federal, state, and local requirements.

Allowable Expenditure 9 – Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the local educational agency that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including low-income students and students with disabilities, which may include assistive technology.

Allowable Expenditure 10 – Provide mental health services and supports.

Allowable Expenditure 11 – Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental after school programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care.

Allowable Expenditure 12 – Addressing the learning loss among students.

Allowable Expenditure 12a – Administering and using high-quality assessments.

Allowable Expenditure 12b – Implementing evidence-based activities.

Allowable Expenditure 12c – Providing information and assistance to parents and families on how they can effectively support students, including in a distance learning environment.

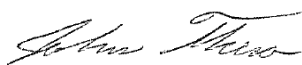
Allowable Expenditure 12d – Tracking student attendance and improving student engagement

Allowable Expenditure 13 – School facility repairs and improvements to enable operations of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.

Allowable Expenditure 14 – Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door repair and replacement.

Allowable Expenditure 15 – Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff of the local educational agency.

We are looking forward to working with our community to ensure that the district utilizes these funds in ways that benefit our students and community.



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