



MERIDIAN
SCHOOL DISTRICT #223

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ARP / ESSER III Meridian CUSD 223 Proposal

ARP ESSER III funds will be used to support a safe return to in-person school for our district and the four schools serving approximately 1500 students in pre-k through 12th grade. ESSER money has been and will be continued to be used to provide a safe learning environment for students, adequate technology to bridge regional technology gaps, and to continue to provide support for all learners who may have been impacted by the Pandemic. We have surveyed staff a number of times through various formats and continue to do so by reviewing data, protocols, and operations and make recommendations. Additionally, the Board actively reviews data at each BOE meeting and each data report is converted into a YouTube link for transparency and to increase parent and community engagement. Lastly, for multiple months, ESSER III has been an agenda item and discussed publicly.

The district has used a collaborative process before bringing these proposals to the Board of Education and subsequently submitting them for approval to the state. Funds will be allocated: in multiple ways to ensure air quality, purchasing of PPE, testing, and health services staff, cleaning and disinfecting supplies and increased personnel.

ARP ESSER III requires a minimum of 20% of all revenue be allocated to address the impact of lost instructional time and potential learning loss. This application more than meets that requirement through new curriculum resources, extended school year, the addition of instructional coaching supervisor, and efforts to ensure ubiquitous and equitable access to technology tools.

The descriptions and amount of money spent on each item below are still estimates and may change. The ESSER grant format allows for amendments and adaptations to the original grant application and MCUSD 223 expects to make many mid-course adjustments. It is imperative to begin moving forward, however, so that we can expend earmarked funds in a timely manner.

Investments and expenditures made possible through ESSER are noted below:

Personal Protective Equipment // \$5,000.00, Testing Supplies and Equipment // \$15,000.00, Additional Health Services Staff \$50,000.00, LETRS K-5 ELA Professional Development // \$52,191.00, PAPER - 24/7 online tutoring // \$69,840.00, New HVAC server and automation // \$197,703.00, Air purification units // \$4,082.00, Amplify pre-k through 5 ELA resources // \$175,000.00, 6-8 Math Resources // \$55,000.00, JH Science Materials // \$6,000.00, JH Social Studies Literacy Resource // Additional salary for remote instructional preparedness // \$133,299\$1,500.00, Math - Digital Presentation Tool // \$9,000.00, New JH Lit Novels // \$15,000.00, New Video Screen for Before School Program // \$1,000.00, E-Sports Classroom materials // \$46,000.00, Instructional Coach Consultant // \$50,000.00, PD - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion // \$35,000.00, PD - Learning Loss Prevention – CIA // \$20,000.00, Summer Learning Program // \$33,000.00, Additional Interventionist \$100,000.00, Leader in Me Overloads \$12,000.00, Student Remote Learning / Quarantine Overloads \$42,000.00, HVAC Repair // \$25,000.00, NFHS Remote Sports Support // \$14,000.00, Graduation ceremonies // \$12,000.00, Edumarking Playground Content Design // \$18,369.32, K-5 Elementary Robotics // \$6,000.00, High School Remodel Multipurpose Room // \$58,680.00, Water Fountains with bottle fillers- District wide // \$80,000.00, 7MJHS Main Gym Sound Upgrade // \$40,000.00, HVAC Air Sensors // \$332,000.00