Accelerated Learning and COVID Recovery Plan

The following is Killeen Independent School District’s plan for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER III) to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students. Input was sought and received from required stakeholders. Total planned amounts are subject to change.

$86.3M
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

44,360
Students

**Learning Loss and Social Emotional Needs**
- Budget a minimum of $18,000,000 to address the learning loss of students resulting from COVID-19. Support summer bridge camps and after-school learning academies.
- Utilize high-quality assessments to identify learning gaps and monitor progress toward closing achievement gaps.
- Build a strong foundation in reading by investing in teacher knowledge and skills through Reading Academies.
- Invest in personnel, specifically intervention teachers and counselors, to facilitate targeted interventions and to address the social-emotional needs of students.
- Invest in personnel, specifically instructional coaches, to model best practice instructional strategies and facilitate teacher growth and improvement.

**Air Quality**
- Improve indoor air quality through renovation, repair and/or replacement of HVAC, flooring, and roofs to mitigate against the spread of COVID-19.

**Support Services**
- Support student behavioral and mental health needs by planning and establishing a School Behavioral Health Program.
- Build the capacity of parents to effectively support their students by providing parent trainings and resources targeting areas of identified need, including the social-emotional and mental health needs of students.

**Infrastructure and Technology**
- Provide technology to meet the needs of multiple learning platforms including devices, software, and infrastructure updates.

**Other COVID-19 Related Expenses**
- Purchase supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of the district.
- Provide stipends and/or benefits to recruit and retain quality staff and to compensate staff for the additional responsibilities assigned resulting from COVID-19.
- Provide recruitment stipends to attract and retain high-quality staff to address staffing shortages resulting from COVID-19.

Remaining funds will continue to be dispersed as learning gaps are further identified.