

James and Rosemary Phalen Middle School: Federal COVID-19 Relief Spending

Across Indiana, \$2.8 billion in federal funding has been allocated to local school districts to help address schools’ COVID-19 related needs.

Here at James and Rosemary Phalen Middle School, we have been allocated \$3,868,607.24 from three rounds of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding – which is based on the district’s share of the state’s Title I allocation.

Over the last two years, we developed plans for how to strategically and sustainably deploy these funds to provide the following:

- continuity of services as schools pivoted between on-line and in-person learning
- instructional supports including small-group, Tier II intervention to address learning loss
- evidence-based extended learning programming to address learning loss
- CDC recommended mitigation strategies to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and ensure safe return to in-person instruction

See plans here -

ESSER I:

Spending Categories	Amount Budgeted
Instructional Support	\$ 24,117.03
Staff Retention	\$ 35,135.75
Social Emotional Programming	\$ 72,203.92
Continuity of Services	\$ 111,550.80
Family and Community Engagement	\$ 21,125.00
Total	\$ 264,132.49

ESSER II:

Spending Categories	Amount Budgeted
Tier II Interventions	\$ 246,583.44
Supplemental Curriculum & Supplies	\$ 937.50

Social Emotional Programming	\$ 84,917.10
Technology	\$ 81,973.50
Facility Improvement (Health)	\$ 89,133.36
Continuity of Services	\$ 606,921.67
Total	\$ 1,110,466.57

ESSER III:

Spending Categories	Amount Budgeted
Tier II Interventions	\$ 739,234.40
Staff Development & Retention	\$ 195,896.19
Social Emotional Programming	\$ 468,000.00
Extended Learning Time Programming	\$ 270,700.00
Technology	\$ 5,625.00
Facility Improvement (Health)	\$ 161,706.51
Continuity of Services	\$ 652,846.08
Total	\$ 2,494,008.18

Looking ahead, we plan to continue utilizing ESSER funding to address learning loss, provide social-emotional support, ensure continuity of services and create a safe, healthy and well-rounded learning environment for our scholars. Per federal law, we have through September 2022 to encumber the first round of ESSER funding and through September 2023 and September 2024, respectively, to encumber the second and third rounds of their ESSER grants.

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