

## ESSER III Expenditure Plan

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School districts, county offices of education, or charter schools, collectively known as LEAs, that receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds under the American Rescue Plan Act, referred to as ESSER III funds, are required to develop a plan for how they will use their ESSER III funds. In the plan, an LEA must explain how it intends to use its ESSER III funds to address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as any opportunity gaps that existed before, and were worsened by, the COVID-19 pandemic. An LEA may also use its ESSER III funds in other ways, as detailed in the Fiscal Requirements section of the Instructions. In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include community input and/or actions included in other planning documents, such as the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), provided that the input and actions are relevant to the LEA's Plan to support students.

For more information please see the Instructions.

## Other LEA Plans Referenced in this Plan

Plan Title	Where the Plan May Be Accessed
Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plans	<a href="https://ecsonline.org/about-us/board/">https://ecsonline.org/about-us/board/</a> - Local Control and Accountability Plan and other School-Wide Plans section
Local Control and Accountability Plans	<a href="https://ecsonline.org/about-us/board/">https://ecsonline.org/about-us/board/</a> - Local Control and Accountability Plan and other School-Wide Plans section
Learning Continuity and Attendance Plans	<a href="https://ecsonline.org/about-us/board/">https://ecsonline.org/about-us/board/</a> - Local Control and Accountability Plan and other School-Wide Plans section

## Summary of Planned ESSER III Expenditures

Below is a summary of the ESSER III funds received by the LEA and how the LEA intends to expend these funds in support of students.

**Total ESSER III funds received by the LEA**

Expected to receive: ECHSL: \$1,333,185; ECMSG:\$960,910; ECMSI:\$930,586

Received to date by ECHSL: \$99,383; ECMSG: \$71,633; ECMSI: \$70,629

Plan Section	Total Planned ESSER III Expenditures
Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning ECHSL ECMSG ECMSI	[\$735,901] \$300,961 \$188,112 \$246,828
Addressing Lost Instructional Time (a minimum of 20 percent of the LEAs ESSER III funds) ECHSL ECMSG ECMSI	[\$ 2,420,559] \$1,003,181 \$753,098 \$664,280
Use of Any Remaining Funds ECHSL ECMSG ECMSI	[\$ 68,220] \$29,043 \$19,699 \$19,478

**Total ESSER III funds included in this plan**

[\$3,224,681] ECHSL: \$1,333,185, ECMSG: \$960,910, ECMSI: \$930,586

## Community Engagement

An LEA's decisions about how to use its ESSER III funds will directly impact the students, families, and the local community. The following is a description of how the LEA meaningfully consulted with its community members in determining the prevention and mitigation strategies, strategies to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, and any other strategies or activities to be implemented by the LEA. In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include input received from community members during the

development of other LEA Plans, such as the LCAP, provided that the input is relevant to the development of the LEA's ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

For specific requirements, including a list of the community members that an LEA is required to consult with, please see the Community Engagement section of the Instructions.

A description of the efforts made by the LEA to meaningfully consult with its required community members and the opportunities provided by the LEA for public input in the development of the plan.

In this exceptionally challenging year, we have made extensive efforts to involve stakeholders in our decision making process. We have also created multiple surveys that specifically address the needs of our stakeholder during this difficult time.

Collaboration with staff was more extensive than in a typical year, as well. Working groups consisting of administrators and teachers reviewed survey and student outcome data and researched hybrid and distance learning best practices to develop a vision and supporting systems for our distance learning program. These groups also developed plans for reopening campuses, master schedules, safety practices, family engagement, and more. Similar working groups reviewed data and further prepared for our return to campus in the fall.

Opportunities for ESSER III stakeholder engagement included:

- Coffee with the principal: In these meetings, parents have a free-flowing conversation with administration regarding site issues, curriculum, school culture, or other issues that are on parents' minds.
- Parent Town Halls: We used virtual town halls to communicate changes and to get feedback about our decisions. Town halls had much higher attendance than our traditional in-person meetings, with as many as 140 parents at each session. We hope to continue to provide online town halls for families who find it difficult to come to in person meetings.
- English Learners: We held virtual town halls for only families of ELs at each school site.
- Surveys: We created a range of surveys to ensure we could address the more specific and time sensitive needs of our families during the pandemic. These surveys were administered in June 2021. In addition, when we began bringing students back to campus for in-person learning, participating staff, parents and students received weekly surveys to provide feedback on safety and in-person activities.
- Black Parent Groups: We held Black Parent group meetings where we engaged parents at school sites and sometimes across the organization in conversations about our school program and what we can do to strengthen our support for black students and families.
- Staff Engagement: As part of our organizational goal to confront anti-blackness and racism, we engaged teachers, staff and families in a series of workshops, including professional development with Dr. Kenjus Watson and Dr. Tiffani Marie. Race-based affinity groups were led by outside facilitators, who shared the feedback they received with leadership. In these sessions staff gave feedback on organizational strengths and weaknesses, and areas for improvement.

- Meeting with Instructional Leaders: our teacher leaders provided feedback and helped us identify priorities, areas of need, and action plans during several meetings including, Instructional Leadership Team meetings, Principal + Instructional Coaches Meeting and Grade Level and Department Meetings.

- Principal's Advisory Committee: Each spring, teachers examine practices and programs with an eye toward refining curriculum, instruction, school governance, and other important issues, including calendar. Teachers discuss the emphasis of resources based on data and suggest solutions.

#### A description of how the development of the plan was influenced by community input.

According to our surveys, families, teachers and staff mostly agreed on the most important factors for student learning success in the 2021-22 school year. All three groups identified minimizing health risk as the most important factor. All three stakeholder groups also identified providing mental health supports as the second most important factor, and ensuring students are able to connect with their peers as the third most important factor. To meet our mission, we must first assure students' health is protected and that their social emotional needs are addressed.

Family, student and staff survey data drove the design of our plan. In the June 2021 climate survey, over 3/4 of students and parents stated that they wanted school to return to in-person learning as it was before the pandemic. Our Priorities for the New Normal for 2021-22, listed below, are all informed by stakeholder input:

1. Strengthen ECS advisory to reinforce tenet "Every child is a blessing"
2. Implement High Leverage Instructional Best Practices

These two priorities support the fulfillment of our mission to reimagine public education in low-income communities of color to prepare conscious, critical thinkers who are equipped to graduate from college and create a more equitable and sustainable world.

The first priority is informed by feedback we received from parent focus groups, teachers, administrators, community partners and student groups. The purpose is to implement an advisory program that is aligned with ECS' goal to Confront Anti-Blackness & Racism in our organization and our world. As communities of color are disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, improving our capacity to address anti-Blackness and racism and to equip our students to do likewise, will be key in mitigating the losses our students have experienced due to COVID-19.

The second priority is in response to stakeholder feedback regarding our instructional practices. Recognizing that the pandemic has changed teaching practices, we are formalizing a new normal for instruction at ECS. Our Instructional working group considered

students' family contexts, including home language and access to resources, and used the stakeholder input described above to design the in-person master schedule, create our new in-person best practices, structure intervention and reengagement plans, identify new curricular resources, and continue the usage of technology platforms across the organization (e.g., Talking Points, ActivelyLearn, and Nearpod).

## Actions and Expenditures to Address Student Needs

The following is the LEA's plan for using its ESSER III funds to meet students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as how the LEA will address the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic. In developing the plan, the LEA has the flexibility to include actions described in existing plans, including the LCAP and/or Expanded Learning Opportunity (ELO) Grant Plan, to the extent that the action(s) address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

For specific requirements, please refer to the Actions and Expenditures to Address Student Needs section of the Instructions.

## Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning

A description of how the LEA will use funds to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning in a way that reduces or prevents the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

### Total ESSER III funds being used to implement strategies for continuous and safe in-person learning

[\$ 735,901] ECHSL: \$300,961, ECMSG: \$188,112, ECMSI: \$246,828

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan Goal 3	ECHSL Parent Liaison	Funding a parent liaison for ECHSL from July 2022 through Sep 2025	[\$61,466]
N/A	ECMSG + ECMSI Community Liaison	Funding a community liaison for ECMSG and ECMSI from July 2022 through Sep 2025	[\$100,103] ECMSG: \$55,915 ECMSI: \$44,188
N/A	Home Office Director of School Health and Safety	Funding a Director of School Health and Safety for all three campuses from July 2022 through Sep 2025	[\$176,786] ECHSL: \$69,487

			ECMSG: \$47,133 ECMSI: \$60,166
N/A	Health and Safety Coordinators	Funding health and safety coordinators for all three campuses from July 2022 through Sep 2025	[\$278,769] ECHSL: \$118,204 ECMSG: \$49,926 ECMSI: \$110,369
N/A	Home Office Special Projects Manager	Funding a Special Projects Manager for all three campuses from July 2022 through Sep 2025	[\$118,777] ECHSL: \$51,804 ECMSG: \$35,138 ECMSI: \$31,835

## Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time

A description of how the LEA will use funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time.

### Total ESSER III funds being used to address the academic impact of lost instructional time

[\$ 2,240,559] ECHSL: \$1,003,181, ECMSG: \$753,098, ECMSI: \$664,280

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan Goal 2	Home Office ELA Specialist	Funding an ELA Specialist for all three campuses from July 2022 through Sep 2025	[\$262,497] ECHSL: 110,612 ECMSG: 75,028 ECMSI: 76,857
Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan Goal 2	Home Office Instructional Administrator in Training	Funding an instructional administrator for all three campuses from July 2022 through Sep 2025	[\$200,799] ECHSL: 84,613 ECMSG: 57,393

			ECMSI: 58,793
N/A	Home Office School Psychologist	Funding a school psychologist for all three campuses from July 2022 through Sep 2025	[\$179,485] ECHSL: 75,632 ECMSG: 51,301 ECMSI: 52,552
Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan Goal 3	Outdoor Education	Funding a portion of Outdoor Education costs for all three campuses from July 2022 through Sep 2025	[\$403,277] ECHSL: 148,487 ECMSG: 150,000 ECMSI: 104,789
LCAP - Goal 2, Action B; Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan Goal 3	Social Workers	Funding social workers at all three campuses from July 2022 through Sep 2025	[\$521,115] ECHSL: 200,356 ECMSG: 170,214 ECMSI: 150,545
Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan Goal 2	Special Education Clerk	Funding SPED clerks at all three campuses from July 2022 through Sep 2025	[\$277,360] ECHSL: 84,516 ECMSG: 105,070 ECMSI: 87,774
Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan Goal 2	Multi-tiered Systems of Support team trainings	Funding MTSS Team Trainings for home office staff serving all three campuses from July 2022 through June 2024	[\$32,053] ECHSL: 13,507 ECMSG: 9,161 ECMSI: 9,385

Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan Goal 7	Confronting Anti-Blackness and Racism Sessions	Funding Confronting Anti-Blackness and Racism Sessions for all three campuses from July 2022 through Sep 2025	[\$31,617] ECHSL: 14,645 ECMSG: 9,934 ECMSI: 7,038
N/A	Home Office Director of Principal Development	Funding the Director of Principal Development for all three campuses from July 2022 through Sep 2025	[\$204,327] ECHSL: 86,100 ECMSG: 58,401 ECMSI: 59,826
N/A	Part time English Learner Para-Educator at ECHSL	Funding a part-time EL Para-educator for ECHSL from July 2022 through June 2024	[\$45,313]
LCP - Distance Learning Action 1 and LCAP - Goal 1, Action B	Education software	Funding educational software such as Schoolzilla, TeachBoost, Actively Learn, Edgenuity / Mypath at ECHSL, Beyond SST at ECHSL, and Goalbook at ECHSL from July 2022 through Sep 2025	[\$250,385] ECHSL: 139,400 ECMSG: 54,264 ECMSI: 56,721
N/A	English Language Development Partnership at ECMSG	Funding a portion of a ELD partnership for ECMSG from July 2022 through June 2023	[\$12,332]

## Use of Any Remaining Funds

A description of the how the LEA will use any remaining ESSER III funds, as applicable.

### Total ESSER III funds being used to implement additional actions

[\$68,220] ECHSL: \$29,043, ECMSG: \$19,699, ECMSI: \$19,478

Plan Alignment (if applicable)	Action Title	Action Description	Planned ESSER III Funded Expenditures
N/A	Home Office Accounting Assistant	Funding Accounting Assistant for all three campuses from July 2022 through Sep 2025 to support spending, tracking and reporting COVID19 funds	[\$68,220] ECHSL: \$29,043 ECMSG: \$19,699 ECMSI: \$19,478

## Ensuring Interventions are Addressing Student Needs

The LEA is required to ensure its interventions will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID–19 pandemic. The following is the LEA’s plan for ensuring that the actions and expenditures in the plan are addressing the identified academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of its students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID–19 pandemic.

Action Title(s)	How Progress will be Monitored	Frequency of Progress Monitoring
School Site Staff Actions - Parent / Community Liaisons, Health and Safety Coordinators, Social Workers, Special Education Clerks, EL Para-Ed	Surveys of staff / parents / students regarding school climate; personnel evaluations; school site staff feedback; strategic indicators dashboard	Weekly and Monthly feedback, Quarterly dashboard review, Annual surveys and evaluations
Home Office Staff Actions - Director of School Health & Safety, Special Projects Manager, ELA Specialist, Instructional Admin in Training, School Psychologist, Director of	Surveys of staff / parents / students regarding school climate, home office performance; personnel evaluations; school site administrator feedback; strategic indicators dashboard	Weekly and Monthly feedback, Quarterly dashboard review, Annual surveys and evaluations

Principal Development, Accounting Assistant		
Consultant / Vendor Actions - Outdoor Education, MTSS Trainings, CABR Sessions, Education Software, ELD Partnership	Surveys of staff / parents / students regarding school climate, home office performance; school site administrator feedback; strategic indicators dashboard	Weekly and Monthly feedback, Quarterly dashboard review, Annual surveys

# ESSER III Expenditure Plan Instructions

## Introduction

School districts, county offices of education (COEs), or charter schools, collectively known as local educational agencies (LEAs), that receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, referred to as ESSER III funds, are required to develop a plan for how they will use ESSER III funds to, at a minimum, address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic.

The plan must be adopted by the local governing board or body of the LEA at a public meeting on or before October 29, 2021 and must be submitted for review and approval within five days of adoption. A school district must submit its ESSER III Expenditure Plan to its COE for review and approval; a COE must submit its plan to the California Department of Education for review and approval. A charter school must submit its plan to its chartering authority for review and to the COE of the county in which the charter school operates for review and approval.

In addition, consistent with the requirements of the ARP, Volume 86, *Federal Register*, page 21201, April 22, 2021, the ESSER III Expenditure Plan must be:

- Written in an understandable and uniform format;
- Written in a language that parents can understand, to the extent practicable;
  - If it is not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, the plan must be orally translated for parents
- Provided in an alternative format to a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, upon request; and
- Be made publicly available on the LEA's website.

For additional information regarding ESSER III funding please see the ARP Act Funding web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/cr/arpact.asp>.

*For technical assistance related to the ESSER III Expenditure Plan template and instructions, please contact [LCFF@cde.ca.gov](mailto:LCFF@cde.ca.gov). For all other questions related to ESSER III, please contact [EDReliefFunds@cde.ca.gov](mailto:EDReliefFunds@cde.ca.gov).*

## Fiscal Requirements

- The LEA must use at least 20 percent (20%) of its ESSER III apportionment for expenditures related to addressing the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs.
  - For purposes of this requirement, “evidence-based interventions” include practices or programs that have evidence to show that they are effective at producing results and improving outcomes when implemented. This kind of evidence has generally been produced through formal studies and research. There are four tiers, or levels, of evidence:
    - **Tier 1 – Strong Evidence:** the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented randomized control experimental studies.
    - **Tier 2 – Moderate Evidence:** the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental studies.
    - **Tier 3 – Promising Evidence:** the effectiveness of the practices or programs is supported by one or more well-designed and well-implemented correlational studies (with statistical controls for selection bias).
    - **Tier 4 – Demonstrates a Rationale:** practices that have a well-defined logic model or theory of action, are supported by research, and have some effort underway by a State Educational Agency, LEA, or outside research organization to determine their effectiveness.
  - For additional information please see the Evidence-Based Interventions Under the ESSA web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/es/evidence.asp>.
- The LEA must use the remaining ESSER III funds consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act, including for:
  - Any activity authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965;
  - Any activity authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);
  - Any activity authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act;
  - Any activity authorized by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006;
  - Coordination of preparedness and response efforts of LEAs with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments, and other relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19;

- Activities to address the unique needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, homeless students, and foster youth, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population;
  - Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of LEAs;
  - Training and professional development for staff of the LEA on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases;
  - Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of an LEA, including buildings operated by such agency;
  - Planning for, coordinating, and implementing activities during long-term closures, including providing meals to eligible students, providing technology for online learning to all students, providing guidance for carrying out requirements under IDEA, and ensuring other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements;
  - Purchasing education technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the LEA that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including low-income students and children with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment;
  - Providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence-based full-service community schools;
  - 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 underserved students;
  - Addressing learning loss among students, including underserved students, by:
    - Administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable, to accurately assess students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiated instruction,
    - Implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students,
    - Providing information and assistance to parents and families of how they can effectively support students, including in a distance learning environment, and
    - Tracking student attendance and improving student engagement in distance education;
- Note:** A definition of “underserved students” is provided in the Community Engagement section of the instructions.
- School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risks of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs;

- Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and nonmechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door replacement;
- Developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff;
- Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in LEAs and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA.

## **Other LEA Plans Referenced in this Plan**

In developing the plan, the LEA has flexibility to include community input and/or actions included in other planning documents, such as the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and/or the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant Plan, provided that the input and/or actions address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.

An LEA that chooses to utilize community input and/or actions from other planning documents must provide the name of the plan(s) referenced by the LEA and a description of where the plan(s) may be accessed by the public (such as a link to a web page or the street address of where the plan(s) are available) in the table. The LEA may add or delete rows from the table as necessary.

An LEA that chooses not to utilize community input and/or actions from other planning documents may provide a response of “Not Applicable” in the table.

## **Summary of Expenditures**

The Summary of Expenditures table provides an overview of the ESSER III funding received by the LEA and how the LEA plans to use its ESSER III funds to support the strategies and interventions being implemented by the LEA.

### **Instructions**

For the ‘Total ESSER III funds received by the LEA,’ provide the total amount of ESSER III funds received by the LEA.

In the Total Planned ESSER III Expenditures column of the table, provide the amount of ESSER III funds being used to implement the actions identified in the applicable plan sections.

For the ‘Total ESSER III funds included in this plan,’ provide the total amount of ESSER III funds being used to implement actions in the plan.

# Community Engagement

## Purpose and Requirements

An LEA's decisions about how to use its ESSER III funds will directly impact the students, families, and the local community, and thus the LEA's plan must be tailored to the specific needs faced by students and schools. These community members will have significant insight into what prevention and mitigation strategies should be pursued to keep students and staff safe, as well as how the various COVID-19 prevention and mitigation strategies impact teaching, learning, and day-to-day school experiences.

An LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with the following community members, as applicable to the LEA:

- Students;
- Families, including families that speak languages other than English;
- School and district administrators, including special education administrators;
- Teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and local bargaining units, as applicable.

“Meaningful consultation” with the community includes considering the perspectives and insights of each of the required community members in identifying the unique needs of the LEA, especially related to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Comprehensive strategic planning will utilize these perspectives and insights to determine the most effective strategies and interventions to address these needs through the programs and services the LEA implements with its ESSER III funds.

Additionally, an LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with the following groups to the extent that they are present or served in the LEA:

- Tribes;
- Civil rights organizations, including disability rights organizations (e.g. the American Association of People with Disabilities, the American Civil Liberties Union, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, etc.); and
- Individuals or advocates representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, homeless students, foster youth, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students.
  - For purposes of this requirement “underserved students” include:
    - Students who are low-income;
    - Students who are English learners;
    - Students of color;
    - Students who are foster youth;

- Homeless students;
- Students with disabilities; and
- Migratory students.

LEAs are also encouraged to engage with community partners, expanded learning providers, and other community organizations in developing the plan.

Information and resources that support effective community engagement may be found under *Resources* on the following web page of the CDE’s website: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lc>.

## **Instructions**

In responding to the following prompts, the LEA may reference or include input provided by community members during the development of existing plans, including the LCAP and/or the ELO Grant Plan, to the extent that the input is applicable to the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. Descriptions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broad understanding among the LEA’s local community.

### **A description of the efforts made by the LEA to meaningfully consult with its required community members and the opportunities provided by the LEA for public input in the development of the plan.**

A sufficient response to this prompt will describe how the LEA sought to meaningfully consult with its required community members in the development of the plan, how the LEA promoted the opportunities for community engagement, and the opportunities that the LEA provided for input from the public at large into the development of the plan.

As noted above, a description of “meaningful consultation” with the community will include an explanation of how the LEA has considered the perspectives and insights of each of the required community members in identifying the unique needs of the LEA, especially related to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **A description of the how the development of the plan was influenced by community input.**

A sufficient response to this prompt will provide clear, specific information about how input from community members and the public at large was considered in the development of the LEA’s plan for its use of ESSER III funds. This response must describe aspects of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan that were influenced by or developed in response to input from community members.

- For the purposes of this prompt, “aspects” may include:
  - Prevention and mitigation strategies to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning;

- Strategies to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through implementation of evidence-based interventions (e.g. summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs);
- Any other strategies or activities implemented with the LEA’s ESSER III fund apportionment consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act; and
- Progress monitoring to ensure interventions address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs for all students, especially those students disproportionately impacted by COVID-19

For additional information and guidance, please see the U.S. Department of Education’s Roadmap to Reopening Safely and Meeting All Students’ Needs Document, available here: <https://www2.ed.gov/documents/coronavirus/reopening-2.pdf>.

## **Planned Actions and Expenditures**

### **Purpose and Requirements**

As noted in the Introduction, an LEA receiving ESSER III funds is required to develop a plan to use its ESSER III funds to, at a minimum, address students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Instructions**

An LEA has the flexibility to include actions described in existing plans, including the LCAP and/or ELO Grant Plan, to the extent that the action(s) address the requirements of the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. When including action(s) from other plans, the LEA must describe how the action(s) included in the ESSER III Expenditure Plan supplement the work described in the plan being referenced. The LEA must specify the amount of ESSER III funds that it intends to use to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA. Descriptions of actions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broad understanding among the LEA’s local community.

### **Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning**

Provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions related to Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write “N/A”.
- Provide a short title for the action(s).

- Provide a description of the action(s) the LEA will implement using ESSER III funds for prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, in line with the most recent CDC guidance, in order to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning.
- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA.

### **Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time**

As a reminder, the LEA must use not less than 20 percent of its ESSER III funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time. Provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions related to addressing the impact of lost instructional time, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write “N/A”.
- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of the action(s) the LEA will implement using ESSER III funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs.
- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA.

### **Use of Any Remaining Funds**

After completing the Strategies for Continuous and Safe In-Person Learning and the Addressing the Impact of Lost Instructional Time portions of the plan, the LEA may use any remaining ESSER III funds to implement additional actions to address students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as to address opportunity gaps, consistent with the allowable uses identified above in the Fiscal Requirements section of the Instructions. LEAs choosing to use ESSER III funds in this manner must provide the total amount of funds being used to implement actions with any remaining ESSER III funds, then complete the table as follows:

- If the action(s) are included in another plan, identify the plan and provide the applicable goal and/or action number from the plan. If the action(s) are not included in another plan, write “N/A”.
- Provide a short title for the action(s).
- Provide a description of any additional action(s) the LEA will implement to address students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as to address opportunity gaps, consistent with the allowable uses identified above in the Fiscal Requirements section of the Instructions. If an LEA has allocated its entire apportionment of ESSER III funds to strategies for

continuous and safe in-person learning and/or to addressing the impact of lost instructional time, the LEA may indicate that it is not implementing additional actions.

- Specify the amount of ESSER III funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s); these ESSER III funds must be in addition to any funding for those action(s) already included in the plan(s) referenced by the LEA. If the LEA it is not implementing additional actions the LEA must indicate “\$0”.

## **Ensuring Interventions are Addressing Student Needs**

The LEA is required to ensure its interventions will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students most impacted by the COVID–19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.

The LEA may group actions together based on how the LEA plans to monitor the actions’ progress. For example, if an LEA plans to monitor the progress of two actions in the same way and with the same frequency, the LEA may list both actions within the same row of the table. Each action included in the ESSER III Expenditure Plan must be addressed within the table, either individually or as part of a group of actions.

Complete the table as follows:

- Provide the action title(s) of the actions being measured.
- Provide a description of how the LEA will monitor progress of the action(s) to ensure that they are addressing the needs of students.
- Specify how frequently progress will be monitored (e.g. daily, weekly, monthly, every 6 weeks, etc.).