



MONEY MATTERS

New Braunfels ISD has received approximately **\$14.3 million*** from federal stimulus dollars. This funding, labeled ESSER I, II and III, was first allocated for the 2020-2021 school year to address the immediate needs related to COVID 19. Since the inception of these programs, the only one remaining after September 30, 2023, is ESSER III, which ends September 30, 2024.

PROTECT THE LEARNING GAINS

New Braunfels ISD students benefited from the bold advances made via **House Bill 3**. The children of Texas have been left behind with significant learning gaps due to the impact the pandemic placed on our education system. As a district, we understand the critical need and our moral imperative to address the needs of our students. To do so, we have outlined several areas to target identified needs and improve student learning outcomes.

GOALS

Address the learning gaps of students who lost face-to-face class time in spring 2020, through extended year and school year learning opportunities.

Provide wrap-around services in light of the challenges of COVID- 19

Ensure that campus staff possess the necessary tools, training, and materials to effectively accelerate student learning, while also addressing social emotional learning (SEL) needs.

* This amount includes direct and indirect costs. NBISD's indirect cost from the approximate \$14.3 million equals \$1.67 million.

BACK ON TRACK

New Braunfels ISD Plans to Address COVID-19 Student Learning Loss by **Keeping Kids in School** and **Accelerating Learning Gains**

THE FOLLOWING DETAILS THE PLANS ASSOCIATED WITH ESSER III

Extended Day and Year Learning Opportunities/Project

- Personnel, transportation, supplies, curriculum for summer learning*
- Increasing instructional days for targeted students

Within-Year Accelerated Learning and Social-Emotional Supports

- Class-size reduction*
- Tutors for during and after school for targeted, small groups of students
- Subscriptions and curriculum to and equipment to assist with learning and instructions.
- Software packages to more accurately track student learning needs, better communicate with parents and school stakeholders, and support student classroom learning.
- RTI Coordinator to assist school staff with appropriate interventions
- Campus Instructional Coaches for assisting teachers in creating strong Tiers I, II, and III support for students*
- Extended credit recovery opportunities, including staffing at School of Choice*
- Remote conferencing (year one only)

Staffing

- Professional development: leadership development and accelerated learning needs for staff
- Retention pay to maintain quality teachers through the pandemic
- Additional staff to accommodate growing numbers of students due to return from pandemic and support to address special population needs and assist in compliant implementation of federal funding
- Staff stipends focusing on growth and learning development to meet the ongoing needs of students, particularly those at-risk

HEALTH AND SCHOOL SAFETY

- Continued use of COVID Case Manager
- COVID and health related supplies needed to maintain sanitary facilities and safe learning environments
- Software to increase parent communication related to learning and the ongoing health and safety of our students and staff
- School and event safety upgrades to ensure all students have access to safe environment for optimal learning

TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19

- Chromebooks, iPads, cases and chargers to maintain 1:1 student-device Ratio
- Updated staff devices for building lessons, including those through online platforms, for students
- Universal screening software to assist in gauging student growth and ongoing academic needs, as compared to student national and state norms*