

North Mac CUSD #34

ESSER III Spending Plan

Under the American Rescue Plan (ARP), which became law in March 2021, school districts around the country will receive funding to address the impact of COVID-19 on students' academic, social, emotional and mental health needs. This funding is known as "ESSER III." "ESSER" is short for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief. ESSER III receives its numerical designation from the fact that the ARP ESSER Fund is the third set of COVID-related federal relief grants for schools that Congress has passed since the pandemic began. ESSER I and ESSER II were established respectively by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in March 2020 and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act in December 2020.

How much money will ESSER III provide?

ESSER III will provide nearly \$122 billion to state educational agencies and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation's students. North Mac C.U.S.D. #34 is expected to receive \$3,065,624 in ESSER III funds.

How will North Mac C.U.S.D. #34 use its ESSER III funds?

This spending plan focuses on two areas to ensure the safety of our students and staff as well as address learning loss that may have occurred during the COVID-19 global pandemic. Our plan recognizes that no less than 20% of all ESSER III funds must be used to address learning loss. North Mac will be dedicating 24% of all ESSER III funds (\$740,211) to address learning loss. The costs listed below are estimates only. In order to support individual student success, teachers and administrators will analyze data to determine the supports needed for each student. As presented to the North Mac C.U.S.D. #34 Board of Education, the District plans to use its ESSER III grant money in two major areas:

1. Academics and Improvement of Instruction and Social Emotional Learning Supports for students:
 - Salaries for the employment of additional teacher aides for student supports in the area of social emotional care. From SEA Learning Loss, social emotional. The individuals employed in these positions will be hired and determined at a later date - \$52,039
 - To employ teacher aides to support summer programs, particularly to address the impact of COVID-19 on underserved students, specifically those from low-income families. The individuals employed in these positions will be hired and determined at a later date - \$11,732
 - Salaries for the employment and re-employment of instructional aides in order to provide and improve instructional support services to our students - \$407,419
 - To employ teacher aides to support afterschool, particularly to address the impact of COVID-19 on underserved students, specifically those from low-income families. The individuals employed in these positions will be hired and determined at a later date – \$11,732

- Benefits to employ additional teacher aides for student supports in the area of social emotional care. From SEA Learning Loss, social emotional – 17,346
- Benefits to employ teacher aides to support summer programs, particularly to address the impact of COVID-19 on underserved students, specifically those from low-income families. The individuals employed in these positions will be hired and determined at a later date - \$3,910
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- Benefits for the employment and re-employment of instructional aides in order to provide and improve instructional support services to our students - \$146,564
- Supplies for Summer School to address Learning Loss - \$7,345
- Employ part time guidance counselor services to support students social emotional care. From SEA Learning Loss, social emotional. No benefits will be paid for this position. The individual employed in this position will be hired and determined at a later date - \$8,826
- Employment and re-employment of certified nurse's aides in order to provide and improve health support services to our students - \$43,106
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2. Capital Improvements:

- Replacement of HVAC System at our South Campus. The South Campus serves students in grades 3rd-8th, and has an antiquated and decaying HVAC system that needs replacement. Repairs have been made to this system in the last several years but it no longer effectively meets the daily needs of our students. A new HVAC system will enhance our abilities to insure quality air flow for all occupants of the building. The ESSER funds will offset the nearly \$4 million replacement and upgrades to the HVAC system. ESSER III funds will contribute \$2,325,413 to this project.