

## **ARP ESSER III Spending Plan**

MSAD #70 has applied for the American Rescue Plan, ESSER III Federal Grant for funding.

AS a part of ARP ESSER III, MSAD #70 has been allocated \$1,655,910.00 in funding to use through September 2023. At least 20% of the funds must be used to address learning loss. ESSER III is the third federal stimulus package to support LEAs in preventing, preparing for, or responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ESSER III funds can be used towards academic supports, social-emotional supports, health/safety, and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups. Remaining funds may be used for a wide range of activities to address needs arising from the coronavirus pandemic.

MSAD #70 plans to use ESSER funds in areas that support teachers, giving more time for learning with summer school and after school programs and other supports such as additional ed techs, and an additional nurse at the middle/high school. We also plan on using ESSER funds to update our infrastructure. We will continue to adapt our plan ongoing as we learn what is most impactful.

We hope this information is helpful. We will continue to share information through the MSAD #70 website [www.msad70.org](http://www.msad70.org). Please contact your building principal (Matthew Oliver, Mill Pond 532-9228) (Lacy McQuarrie, Middle/High School 532-2413) or the MSAD #70 central office Stephen Fitzpatrick, Superintendent (532-3015) if we can further assist you.

Stephen Fitzpatrick  
Superintendent MSAD #70

## **Stakeholders**

MSAD #70 has worked to gather input from stakeholders to ensure our plan is able to impact all students who have lost instructional time due to COVID-19 and other extenuating circumstances. District administrators from all departments met and reviewed allowable expenditures through ESSER III funds and began to plan possible strategies. We then reviewed ESSER III funding with board members, teachers, parents, and community members and they provided thoughts on how the funds could be used to impact student learning and the best uses for classroom instruction, instructional technology, and health/safety. After reviewing the input given by stakeholders, the following are the top priorities which MSAD #70 will focus on.

### **ACADEMIC SUPPORTS**

1. MSAD #70 will hire additional teaching or paraprofessional staff to offer additional support in Middle/high school areas, tutoring at the elementary level, and technology instruction.
2. MSAD #70 will provide a summer school program for students who need more time and support to master academic learning.
3. MSAD #70 will provide an enhanced After-school program for additional tutoring time at the Mill Pond Elementary and Middle/High School.
4. MSAD #70 will purchase additional chrome books and carts, to ensure students are able to access digital learning throughout each school day. Add a new firewall and update the wireless network.
5. MSAD #70 will compensate teachers for additional duties/hours required helping students who need more time and support to enhance academic achievement / learning.
6. MSAD #70 will purchase additional instructional supplies and books to support both teachers' and students' teaching / learning processes.
7. Career and College exposure and dual credit programs will be resourced to support students' individual needs.
8. Provide additional Field trips to address Social / Emotional learning needs and to develop / maintain positive overall health of our students.
9. Outfit a computer room to diversify programming capabilities and enhance student opportunities for learning.
10. Provide additional Professional development and teaching / learning resources such as "teachers pay teachers"s to reduce COVID related stressors experienced by our teachers and professional staff.

We believe these strategies along with others being implemented by our district administrators and teachers during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school year will have a positive-lasting impact on the academic success of our students.

### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

1. MSAD #70 will engage professional assessment (Architectural and engineering) as well as additional inspection of District HVAC systems and make the necessary modifications and updates needed for appropriate air quality in all instructional MSAD 70 buildings.
2. PPE supplies hand sanitizer and disinfecting materials and supplies
3. Hire additional custodial resources (personal and equipment for appropriate and focused deep cleaning strategies.
4. Provide additional support staff, administrative and professional instructional resources to mitigate and support COVID Health and Safety requirements.
5. MSAD #70 will hire an additional school nurse to assist the current nurse.
6. Update and augment Custodial, and Facilities Department equipment, and tools District wide.
7. Establish additional school bus drop off points and supervisory personnel to support social distancing due to covid.
8. Provide resources to augment shop building repairs, and equipment to enhance particulate capture and address all COVID safety concerns for our students.
9. Address weight & workout facility to provide additional safety space.
10. Design, Develop, and construct River walking trails, and procure additional recreational equipment (snow shoes, cross country skis etc.) for additional outdoor activities.
11. Soundproof the gym at the Mill Pond school to enhance increased capacity to hear when properly distancing.
12. Increase paved area and repave the entire Mill Pond Elementary school parking lot to safely engage increased private constituent student transport resulting from COVID.
13. Provide Outdoor lights for sports fields to meet safety needs in mitigating distancing and other COVID strategies employed.
14. Replace Elementary Stage curtain.

15. Provide additional Floor scrubber and other COVID mitigating custodial equipment
16. Improve the Central Office Accounting software services efficiency to allow deployment of current personnel resources in support of COVID driven needs