

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

August 10, 2021

***SUBJECT:***

Consideration of Proposed ESSER III Spending Plan

***BACKGROUND INFORMATION:***

The latest version of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) resulted from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) that was signed into law on March 11, 2021. The SC Department of Education (SCDE) was allocated approximately \$2.1 billion in ESSER III funds. Our District is projected to receive \$63,386,401. School districts are required to submit spending plans to the SCDE by August 24, 2021.

Funds must be spent by September 30, 2024, within 15 allowable use categories.

***ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:***

The Administration presented a draft spending plan at the July 27, 2021, Special Called Board meeting. Stakeholder input was sought and considered in the development of the draft plan. The plan was posted for review and additional feedback subsequent to the Special Called Board meeting.

The proposed plan includes:

1. Learning loss*	\$15,000,000
2. Technology devices/equipment	18,000,000
3. Ed tech positions**	900,000
4. Curriculum technology specialist position**	200,000
5. Employee Assistance Program**	120,000
6. Preventative maintenance mechanics**	240,000
7. HEPA filters	500,000
8. PPE/sanitizer supplies	500,000
9. Dual modality (the State requires that teachers be compensated when teaching face-to-face and virtually)	250,000
10. Construction of a new Wagener-Salley High	25,882,566
11. Indirect cost	<u>1,793,835</u>
Total	\$63,386,401

\*certain components are continuations from ESSER II, with a mix of new

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Periodic amendments to the ESSER III plan are expected and will be submitted for Board consideration.

***RECOMMENDATION:***

Approve the proposed ESSER III plan. Upon Board approval, the plan will be submitted to the SCDE for consideration.

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