



ESSER III Spending Update

April 28, 2022

Welcome

Welcome

- Agenda
- Interpretation services available
- Meeting norms
- Ways to ask questions

Overview

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- **Budget values and guidance:**

- **Student learning and well-being** is at the center of all budget decisions;
- **Fiscal responsibility** in budget decisions will help ensure the sustainability and longevity of the district;
- The district has **finite resources** that must be managed in a way that **prioritizes students and our role as fiscal caretakers**;
- The budget is affected by various factors, including **declining enrollment**; **declining revenue**; **escalating costs**; and **inflation**, which is reflected in the cost of goods and services.
- To balance the budget, we must weigh these revenue and costs factors and their impact, as we prioritize students and student learning.

Overview

- **Community stakeholders asked MPS to focus on:**
 - Academic programs to address learning disruption
 - Social-emotional and mental health
 - Community collaboration and partnership
 - Safe and healthy buildings and facilities
 - Equitable high-quality talent acquisition and maintenance
 - Expectations for transparency and accountability

Budget

Previous ESSER III Funding Plan

A total of \$159.5 million in ESSER III funding was allocated, including for:

- **Academic Supports/Address Impacts to Learning (\$39.1 million)**
- **Safe & Healthy Schools (\$19.2 million)**
 - \$11.6 million to upgrade ventilation systems
- **Mental Health Supports (\$4.5 million)**
- **Highly Qualified Staff (\$7.9 million)**
- **IT/Technology (\$14.2 million)**
- **Continuity of Services (\$74.6 million over two years)**
 - Maintain staffing/service levels at schools and depts

Current Budget Situation

- Budgets for the 2022–23 school year originally closed in February.
- Additional projected student enrollment decline of 1,000 students will impact next year's budget.
- Honoring valued employees with new contract involves:

21–22 SY: \$53.5 million covered by:

- Vacancy savings: \$24 million
- Available ESSER dollars: \$29.5 million

22–23 SY: Previous budget gap of \$59.1 million increased to \$86.2 million, to be covered by:

- Available ESSER dollars
- Fund balance
- Budget reductions

Steps Taken to Balance the Budget

- **Revised budgets for schools and departments due Friday, April 29.**
- **5% reduction in budgets for departments**
 - Dollars reallocated to schools from department budgets to minimize impact to students.
 - Will impact essential and sometimes mandatory school services such as: transportation, custodial, payroll, procurement, recruitment and staffing, devices for students, community engagement and more
- **Estimated 0.6% reduction in budgets for schools**, down from initially estimated 3% reduction due to reallocation of district-level dollars to reduce impact to schools.
- **School-by-school adjustment for projected enrollment loss** of 1,000 students.
- **Reallocation of non-learning loss ESSER funds** for continuity of services at schools and departments.
- **Accessing assigned fund balance**

Updated ESSER III Funding Plan

Continuing ESSER III–Funded Projects

- **20% of \$159.5 million in ESSER funding (\$31.8 million) for learning loss** is protected from budget cuts, including:
 - Reading Partners contracted services
 - Math Strategies
 - Early literacy professional development including LETRS, Groves, PRESS
 - Site Based Reading Teachers at every middle school
 - MTSS or Tiered Intervention Data Warehouse
 - Americorps tutors and graduation coaches in Office of Black Student Achievement, Indian Ed, and Check & Connect
 - Homeless/Highly Mobile summer program access support and literacy project
- **Community Partnership Contracts (\$2.5 million)**
 - \$2.5 million in culturally specific community partnerships to support students/families
- **Program/Staff Continuity (\$125.2 million)**

Updated ESSER III Funding Plan

Some ESSER-funded projects now covered by other funding sources, including:

- Ventilation improvements
- Technology/Universal Devices
- Mental Health supports
- Professional development around climate
- Some student government costs

Updated ESSER III Funding Plan

Some ESSER-funded projects are no longer currently funded including:

- Custodial recruitment and retention
- Emergency management services and supplies
- iNCl training for all staff
- Development of additional teacher licensure/pathways programs
- Community outreach navigators
- Additional personal protective equipment (PPE)

**Note: Budgets are preliminary and subject to change*

ESSER III Financial Summary

How the \$159.5 million in total ESSER funding is allocated:

- \$19.7 million spent in the current year.
- \$31.8 million for learning loss protected from budget cuts.
- \$2.5 million for community contracting
- \$51 million for continuity of services in 2022–23 school year.
- \$54.5 million for continuity of services in 2023–24 school year.

\$0 remaining ESSER funds.

Next Steps

- Resubmit application to MDE for re-approval
- Budget amendments to the Board as necessary
- Updates in Fall 2022

Questions