## Federal Stimulus Grant Plan Update

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# **Background and General Info**

- Federal COVID-19 response under the American Rescue Plan (ARP)
- Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III)
  - \$11.2 Billion appropriated to Texas for Public Education
  - Funding on a per pupil allotment based on the number of free and reduced breakfast/lunch qualifying students.
    - Total MISD allotment is \$20,017,093
    - \$13,344,729 available now
    - \$6,672,364 available later this summer pending application
  - TEA Grant Application Process (due July 27, 2021)
  - Expenditure window March 13, 2020 to September 30, 2024



# **Funding Purposes**

ESSER III grant funds are designated to address the following as impacted by COVID-19 and may include reclassification of expenses already incurred:

- Student learning loss
- Impact on student needs and mental health
- Teacher Support and Retention
- Operational related needs



# **Public Notice and Stakeholder Input**

- Input from campus principals, curriculum directors, and district leadership
- District Education Improvement Committee (DEIC)
- Information on district webpage and local newspaper
- Questions & feedback accepted by district officials
- Discussion at May 2021 Board Meeting



#### Teacher Retention & Operational Expenses

- Additional teachers to reduce class sizes
- Teacher bonus or similar compensation
- District Wi-Fi and network infrastructure
- Technology related reimbursement
- PPE and cleaning expenses
- Air quality improvement



# **Staffing to Address Learning Loss**

- Reading/Math interventionists
- Special education teachers
- Reading teachers
- Additional teachers to reduce class sizes
- Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) support
- Fine Arts support



# **Staffing to Address Student Needs**

- Additional grade level / mental health counselors
- Personnel to support students in Section 504
- Personnel to support students with significant behavioral issues
- Personnel to support high needs campus programs
- Social workers to help coordinate students needs outside of the school day



# **Questions / Comments**



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