

EC BOCES - Agenda August 3 - Office Hours

- Clarifications around ESSER III application
- Capital construction and applications being denied?
- Would bus purchases be allowed if it were to increase learning time in a day?
 - Being able to document the connection to the pandemic is critical
- Safe School Plan requirements
- Learning loss requirements
- Does the question in the ESSER III application that addresses social, emotional, academic loss due to COVID have to go before the board for approval?
 - we will research
- Process to carryover ESSER funding and provide a budget for FY22
 - Coming soon!
- Do you have an approved list of interventions that qualifies for the 20% set aside?
- Would one on one Para or teacher time with students qualify to meet the needs of academic lost learning time?
- Is every intervention under the READ act qualify or how do we currently use Title I funds?
 - USDE has said there are certain categories that automatically meet the criteria: Summer Learning Programs, Summer Enrichment Programs, After School, Extended Day/Year. If you are doing another intervention, please review the evidence base for the strategy, i.e. using What Works Clearinghouse. <https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/>
 - Activities listed by USDE as evidence-based interventions: summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive after school programs, or extended school year programs
- Could they purchase and pay to train staff to use READ Act approved interventions?
- In regards to monitoring of social, emotional, and academic growth with the use of ESSER III funds, does that only pertain to the 20% of ESSER III funds or does it count towards all the ESSER III funds?
- On the Learning loss 80/20 rule. I assume 20% is the minimum?
 - Yes, you are allowed to spend more
- Does the 20% have to be allocated to be spent in one fiscal year or may it be spread over multiple years (ex: summer school & after school budgeted & spent in 20/21, 21/22 & 22/23)?
 - It may be spread.
- It would be beneficial for district stakeholders to see a list of approved capital construction projects and EBI interventions that have previously been approved as they are considering their plans.
 - Great idea!

Helpful Resources:

ESSER Budget examples:

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms/esserbudgetlineitemexamples>

Safe School Plans: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms/eseaofficehoursppt6172021>

CASE Presentation - Overview of ESSER:

https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/case_july2021