

ESSER III Use of Funds

Funds will be used for purchasing of needed technology, assessment programs, curriculum, PPE supplies, and HVAC upgrades in all buildings which are authorized activity under the ESSER III grant in response to the coronavirus threat.

Safe Return Plan- The Governor's new executive order eliminates the authority of school boards to adopt "mask optional" plans for the start of 2021-2022 school term. During a Special Meeting of the Board of Education on August 5, 2021, the board was presented a revised Return to School Plan that reflected Governor Pritzker's Executive Order. The board unanimously approved the plan that requires the use of masks for all students, faculty and guests with a goal to keep our students in school where maximum learning can occur.

Funds Use Plan- In order to determine the most important educational needs, a group of stakeholders composed of administration, board members, teachers, and community members was formed to discuss the needs of the COVID19. During a regular board meeting held on July 21, 2021, possible use of the funds were discussed. Approved uses included summer learning opportunities, purchase of a K-12 assessment tool, SEL programs, purchase of researched based math and reading curricula, professional development for the staff, and HVAC improvements in all four buildings that bring in up to 30% fresh air into occupied areas including classrooms and large gathering areas such as the cafeterias and gymnasiums. Sangamon Valley will hold a meeting with the stakeholder group in order to review the data that was gathered from the community. After the meeting is held the amount of devices will be determined and purchased. Training will occur as necessary for device usage.

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1. Sangamon Valley School District plans to assess and address student learning gaps by gathering data from teachers, staff, and students. Communication is key when it comes to understanding the learning gaps resulting from the disruption in educational services. The administration team will first survey the staff about the content that will be lacking due to the disruption and also their recommendations for further education.
2. Upon the arrival of a student back at school, students will be assessed in their knowledge utilizing Fastbridge and IXL software. The data gathered will be analyzed to identify gaps and drive further instruction.
3. School begins on August 18, 2021. Students will be assessed during the first 3 weeks of school.
4. SV will purchase 105 new Chromebooks per year starting in July 2021 through July of 2024 to achieve 1:1 student to device ratio.
5. Summer program occurred during the summer of 2021 in all 4 Sangamon Valley Buildings. Also, Summer School was provided by Macon-Piatt Special Education for our special needs students that receive services outside of the district. The focus for summer school addressed social emotional and academic needs particularly students from low-income families and children with disabilities.

6. A portion of the ESSER III grant will be used to offset the cost of an academic interventionist in grades 3-5.
7. Sangamon Valley will utilize a portion of the grant, \$50,000, to offset the cost of cleaning and sanitation supplies/equipment during the 21-22, 22-23, and 23-24 school years.
8. Sangamon Valley School District is in need of HVAC improvements in all buildings. The current systems use forced air and radiant heat to heat the buildings including the classrooms and large gathering places like the gyms and cafeterias. The current HVAC systems recirculate exiting air in these spaces which could increase the spread of COVID-19.

Sangamon Valley School District hired ENGIE Service Inc. ENGIE is a full service energy services company that provided an energy audit, engineering, bid procurement, construction management, installation, construction, training and monitoring. The district spent \$4,904,000 during the summer and fall of 2020 for HVAC upgrades in all four buildings. Primary \$1,292,000, Intermediate \$849,000, Middle School \$1,282,000, High School \$1,481,100. The upgraded HVAC units allow us to bring in up to 30% fresh air into all of our classrooms and large gathering spaces including cafeterias and gymnasiums that will help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The project was completed on March 31, 2021.