

East Knox Plan for the Use of ARP/ESSER III Funds To Address Learning Loss and Meet Students' Needs July 1, 2021-June 30, 2024

The East Knox Local School District was notified this Spring of the availability of \$3,254,634.03 federal ARP/ESSER III funding. The Board of Education held a Special Board meeting on April 27th to discuss adding an approximately 12,000-15,000 feet addition to the Elementary building. Nearly \$2.6 million of the ARP/ESSER III money may be used, if approved by the Ohio Department of Education, towards this \$5 million project as it certainly meets the intent of the program to address our critical need to expand space to meet the safety needs of our students and staff during this pandemic period.

The federal requirements also stipulate that at least 20% of the grant money must be used to address learning loss. The remaining approximate \$651,000 will be used to support summer school programs, after school instructional programs and tutoring throughout the school day by certified staff members during the grant period. The District will provide busing for programs that may occur during afterschool and/or summer periods.

Students' learning needs will be assessed and continuously monitored using resources that we already have available such as STAR Reading and Math. Instruction will be adjusted as needed throughout the grant period to ensure students' instructional needs are met.

Leveraging Improvement Structures: East Knox will leverage the improvement structures (Ohio Improvement Process) to include:

- Identification of impacted students including attendance recovery,
- Conducting needs assessments,
- Defining approaches and implementation strategies.

Assessing Students: East Knox will assess students to identify their level of academic and non-academic achievement and to identify those students with the greatest need.

Engaging Students and Families: East Knox will continue attendance recovery efforts to identify and re-engage students who have not actively attended school.