

FRENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION

Mr. Curtis Craig
Superintendent

Re: ESSER III Spending Plan

The United States Congress passed the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) in March 2021. The relief fund was part of a \$122 billion fund to help school districts impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Indiana was awarded \$1.9 billion of these funds. These funds were then appropriated to school corporations based on a per-pupil formula. Per ESSER III guidelines, 20% of the approved amount to each school corporation must go towards addressing learning loss. These funds are to be encumbered by September 30, 2024.

School corporations offered public comments on their re-opening plan as part of the ESSER III regulations. The re-opening plan was presented at the Board of School Trustees meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 and public comments were solicited. After the approval of the re-opening plan, a survey of community members, teachers, staff and students was distributed to generate public response on the use of ESSER III funds.

The Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation plan for ESSER III funding includes the following items:

Learning Loss

- Teachers' Salaries for Class-Size Reduction
- Teachers' Stipend for After School Tutoring
- Teachers' Stipend for Summer School Teaching
- Instructional Assistants to help meet the individual needs of students
- Diagnostic Assessments and Tools to help teachers differentiate instruction
- Instructional Materials/Resources to help teachers differentiate instruction

Administrative Expenses

- Extra PPE and cleaning supplies needed due to COVID-19
- Hew air handlers at RCHS to improve air flow
- Technology to improve the safety and security of corporation buildings
- One-time Stipend for all employees employed a minimum of 120 days during the 2020-2021 school year