

**CONCORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**CONCORD-CARLISLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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To:    Concord School Committee

Re:    ESSER III Funds Update

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As part of The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, an educational portion of the federal funding was allocated to schools known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III). Massachusetts then distributed the funds to local school districts. The allocation for the district is as follows:

Concord Public Schools	\$995,840
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The funds are available through September 30, 2024. Fund requirements include:

- District plan to safely reopen schools
- Spending 20% of funds to mitigate lost instructional time
- Plan as to how remaining 80% will be spent
- Consultation with stakeholders to determine local priorities
- Assurance of how interventions will respond to academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs
- Consideration of those disproportionately impacted including low-income families, students of color, English learners, and students with disabilities

As mentioned, the grant deadline was October 4, 2021. A survey was developed and distributed to staff and families. We also considered current services and needs identified since the FY22 budget was developed or in the early discussions of FY23. The grant submission outlined the following expenditure. The grant application does not require a breakdown of the allocation into yearly increments.

Summer School	\$372,640	offset to current budgeted amount
Literacy PD and Materials	\$100,000	offset to budget request FY23-FY24
Language Based Special Educator CMS	\$283,200	offset to budget request FY23 students aging up
Adjustment Counselor CMS	\$240,000	additional counselor until consolidation with new building