

## **What is ESSER III?**

ESSER III funds are new federal stimulus funds to help public schools address student learning loss and costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. These one-time funds are intended to support a comprehensive learning recovery effort in Texas over the next three years. Due to federal requirements, 2/3 of the funds are available now, with the final 1/3 to be distributed contingent upon approval by the U.S. Department of Education.

## **How Much ESSER III Funds Will We Receive?**

Mount Pleasant ISD total ESSER III entitlement is \$12,861,576. Two-thirds is available once the grant is submitted, which is \$8,574,384. Of that amount, MPISD is required to set-aside 20% for specific activities. The grant period ends Sept. 30, 2023 and can carry-over until Sept. 30, 2024.

## **20% Set-Aside**

TEA requires 20% to be set-aside for learning loss mitigation, including afterschool, summer school, extended day, targeting students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, homeless students, and foster care students.

## **ESSER Plan**

Every district is required to develop a plan explaining how the district will use the funds to recover from COVID-19 learning loss. MPISD developed a survey to get input from teachers, students, and community.

## **Survey Results**

Responses received 222 responses:

55% teachers	20% administrators	33% paraprofessionals
19% other school personnel	3% student	46% parent
12% community	9% stakeholders of special population students.	

The top three choices for the 20% set-aside were

1. Tutoring (50%)
2. Summer School (38%)
3. After School (37%).

The top three choices for the use of funds were:

- 1) Purchase technology, such as hardware, software, connectivity (66%)
- 2) Hire additional campus interventionists (43%)
- 3) Provide instructional materials and resources to meet the needs of students (30%)