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ESSER III Uses

Disclaimer



- Grand Island Public Schools was not required to put students and staff in masks in order to gain access to ESSERs III Funds. It was a requirement of the school district to have a “Safe Return to School Plan.” However, the school district was not required to mask in order to receive these funds.

ESSERs III Grant

- Small group work lead by Dr. Dexter and including Administrative Cabinet Members and Mr. Dan Petsch was conducted to determine possible uses of ESSERs III Funds.
- Goals and priorities for the use of ESSERs III Funds were developed based on the district's strategic plan, stakeholder feedback, and the immediate needs of Grand Island Public Schools Students and Staff.
- Capital Improvements utilizing the funds were proposed to the Facilities & Finance Committee, after Mr. Petsch and Dr. Schroeder consulted with CMBA to generate a “project list” aligned to the district's capital improvement goals.
- The ESSERs III Grant Application was submitted to NDE by the September 15th deadline and is awaiting final approval by NDE.



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Results of District ESSER III Survey

Highest level of support

Highest approval for added teaching supports and supplies

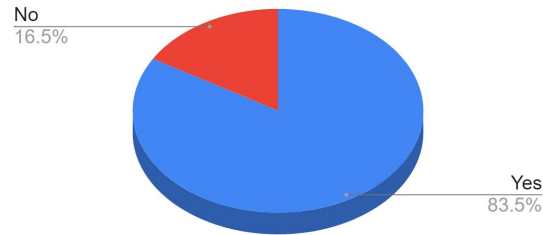
Moderate level of support

Highest approval for HVAC and Extended Learning Opportunities

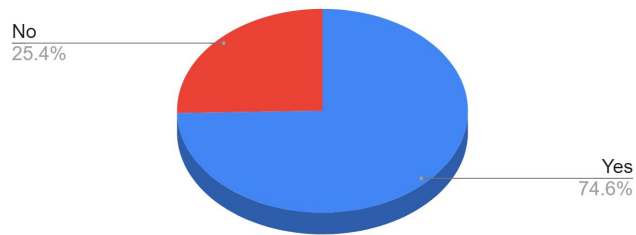
Lower level of support

Adjustments made to items involving hiring, incl. refocusing equity work

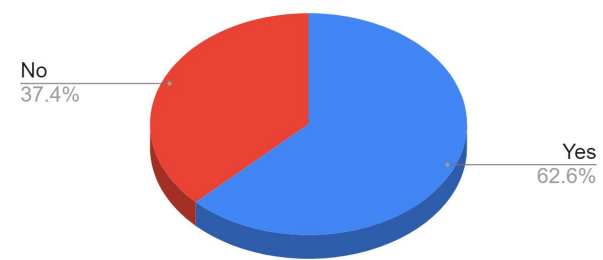
Resources and Materials



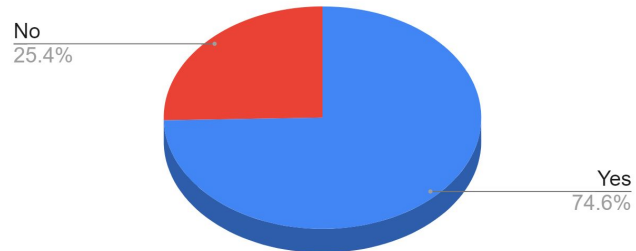
Facility Improvements



Personnel to be hired

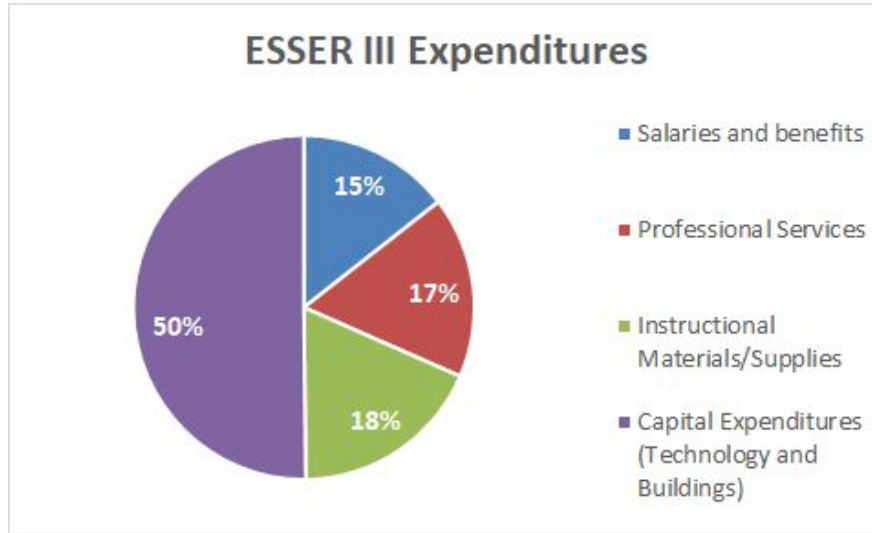


Training/Other Areas



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Summary of Overall Expenditures for ESSER III



- Planning for the future, the majority of expenditures will improve or enhance our schools and facilities
- Next is helping teachers with added high quality instructional materials to address unfinished learning, and providing extracurricular or outside the teaching-day supports
- Finally, positions like academic support coaches and family liaison for parents who speak Somali or Arabic

Salaries and benefits	Professional Services	Instructional Materials/Supplies	Capital Expenditures (Technology and Buildings)	Total
\$2,607,478	\$3,071,950	\$3,290,163	\$9,032,610	\$18,002,201



Building Projects Aligned to Stakeholder Feedback & District Goals

- Safety & Security for access control and health screening provided by security vestibules across the district
- Additional dining and commons spaces where needed
- HVAC improvements
- Additional classroom spaces for skills programming for special education students at the middle school level
- Additional space to support the fine arts through additional square footage for band/choir at the middle school and high school level
- Additional equipment to support extra curricular program through equipment replacement in the high school weight room

Facilities, Safety & Access



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Master Facility Plan

- These building improvements will be added to the updated Master Facility Plan, which will be updated and released after the first of the year.
- A key point for stakeholders to keep in mind is that the ESSERs III money needs to be spent by the Fall of 2024.
- We will work as quickly and as efficiently to create a lasting investment for our students and stakeholders.
- The process of using the \$9 million currently allocated for building improvements will be tempered by a variety of factors: (1) the expedited timeline we are on for completing these building projects; (2) potential supply chain disruptions; (3) the labor market, and (4) addressing the most immediate needs of our learners.

Facilities, Safety & Access

Capital Projects Pre-Approved by NDE

As of 3-17-23

School	Project	Amount
Howard	Security Vestibule Renovation	292,274
Lincoln	Security Vestibule Renovation	103,374
Wasmer	Security Vestibule Renovation	102,418
West Lawn	Security Vestibule Renovation	106,048
Walnut	Security Vestibule Renovation and Addition	1,597,817
Knickrehm	HVAC Upgrades	1,769,635
Newell	Security Vestibule Renovation	131,348
GISH	Security Vestibule Renovation and Band/Choir Addition	3,968,405
Barr	Wired Network	145,488.59
Dodge	Wired Network	190,881.84
Gates	Security Vestibule and Renovation/Addition	280,612
	Total All Projects	8,688,298

Summary of Federal Purpose & Amount for ESSER III

The Grand Island Public Schools will use ESSER III funds for:

Teaching/Classroom

- K-12 high quality instructional materials, academic coaching, resources, & PLC supports
- Promote college and career ready experiences and support teachers needing certifications to teach AP/Dual Credit courses
- Added Summer and After School Learning opportunities

Engagement

- Provide equitable parent outreach by Family Liaison with language skills in Arabic/Somali

Facilities, Safety & Access

- Added transportation routes
- Added cleaning supplies and PPE
- Facilities improvements including HVAC, security vestibules, and enlarged band areas

Equity

- Mental health tele-therapy for students
- Provide Equity training and professional learning to support strategic plan

Technology

- Technology updates (devices, hardware and infrastructure)



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That's The Plan



“Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.”

– Abraham Lincoln

- The Grand Island Public Schools Administrative Team and the Grand Island Board of Education have spent a good deal of time planning to spend the ESSERs Funds wisely for the benefit of our students, staff, and stakeholders.



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