



ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Date of Meeting

October 20, 2021

Title

Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III District Plan

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Description

Eugene School District 4J has been awarded \$36.9 million in grant funds by the Oregon Department of Education under the ESSER III federal program. A minimum of \$7.4 million (20%) of this funding must be dedicated to learning loss. All grant funds must be expended by September 30, 2024.

4J's ESSER III District Plan focuses funding in two key areas:

- Support and enhancement of Student Investment Account (SIA) initiatives
- Support of district operations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

While school districts are not required to share these funds with charter schools, 4J will continue our long tradition of support to ensure that all programs across the district have the funding they need to succeed in this challenging environment. Funding dedicated to charter schools under the ESSER III District Plan is set at \$1.8 million.

Under this plan, the district expects to expend approximately 46% of grant funding for activities related to learning loss, and the remaining 54% to support district operations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. While we have fully budgeted spending for this grant, we do recognize that changing circumstances could require a modification to this plan in the future. If this is required, we will work with the Oregon Department of Education to meet any reporting requirements related to a budget amendment.

To gain access to this award, the district was required to submit a spending plan to ODE by October 20, 2021. The detailed plan submitted to ODE includes supplemental engagement information for migrant and incarcerated students. The board meeting packet includes a short presentation summarizing this spending plan.