

ESSER 3 UPDATES As of June 1, 2022

American Rescue Plan ESSER III Spending Report for Freeport School District #145

What is ESSER: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

Period of Funding: Available for obligation by SEAs (state educational agencies) and subrecipients through Sept. 30, 2024.

Amount Appropriated to FSD 145: \$15 LEAs (local education agencies) must be encumbered by September 30, 2024

\$400,000.00
\$104,000.00
\$44,544.00

BiLingual FRCs benefits - Bilingual Benefits - 2 part time FRCs - Blackhawk Elementary and Carl Sandburg Middle School - 4 hours a day. FICA 6.2%, Medicare	
1.45%, IMRF 7.93%/5.88%, LIFE INS 11%. School years 22/23 and 23/24.	\$6,118.00
Instructional technology coaches salary 22-23	\$84,000.00
Instructional technology coaches benefits 22-23	\$20,000.00
Pretzel Summit PD salary	Ψ=0,000.00
The available data we have indicates that Freeport School District 145 (FSD) is in need	
of changing the status quo in order to meet our stated mission of "creating an innovative,	
inclusive, and student-centered learning environment so that all students are equipped	
and empowered to choose their college, workplace and career path, while becoming	
productive members of their community." While we may have "pockets of excellence" in our buildings, our overall data trends indicate that far too many of our students are	
failing to meet crucial academic benchmarks, particularly in the foundational elementary	
years. These areas of concern clearly reveal the need for improvement of core	
instruction across all grade levels in addition to the need to do a thorough review of the	
current curriculum. By the start of the 2022-2023 school year, all general education and	
special education teachers in grades K-4 will engage in three half-day Pretzel Summits	
that are facilitated by Framework Specialists, in collaboration with building multi-tiered	
systems of support (MTSS) teams, the district leadership team (DLT), outside	
consultants, and the C&I team. These summits will focus on developing and refining aligned practices in literacy and numeracy in order to improve student achievement	
outcomes.	\$40,088.00
Pretzel Summit PD Benefits	\$9,912.00
Pretzel Summit Purchased services	\$50,000.00
Chromebooks	\$350,000.00
FHS Science Labs - renovate to 21st century standards The labs were last renovated	
more than 50 years ago. Science labs would be upgraded to modern science equipment,	
traffic flow and usage needs. This includes new piping, electrical, water and gas lines,	
new ventilation and hood spaces, new flooring and walls, new cabinetry, new physical	
lab stations for biology and chemistry labs and new flexible use lab stations/classroom space in the remaining lab rooms. New classroom hallway doors will complete the	
renovations of the third floor classroom spaces and bring us into the 21st century. The	
building turns 100 in 2026 and has not seen a full renovation of any scope since its	
inception.	\$27,260.00
2 year Subscriptions for programs to help student learning. Learn Platform, \$32,595	
Respondus Lockdown Browser: \$11,235, Screencastify: \$11,880, Remind: \$20,866	\$76,576.00
after School Intervention teacher salary	\$375,000.00
Summer Learning: Teacher Salaries (320,000 per year)	\$960,000.00
Salaries for Mentor(s): \$16,000 per year (3); = \$48,000 No Mentor benefits - these	
employee does not receive benefits from FSD	\$41,868.00
Tutor benefits	\$6,132.00
Tutor Salary - to tutor students who are in quarantine	22,677

after School Intervention teacher benefits	\$75,000.00
Summer Learning: Teacher Benefits (70,000 per year)	\$210,000.00
Remote Tutor Benefits - to tutor students who are in quarantine	2,323
25 Hotspots for non-Comcast accessible (3 Years per hotspot @\$36 per month)	\$35,000.00
after School Intervention purchased services	\$50,000.00
Summer Learning: Purchased services	\$150,000.00
Mentor field trips for students: \$3000 per year (3) = \$15,000	\$15,000.00
Online tutoring services for students in grades K-12 in the area of Math and Reading. The district will partner with Huntington Learning Center, Sylvan Learning or other comparable tutoring services to support students' academic learning. The tutoring will consist of two hours, after school, Mon-Thurs.	\$100,000.00
Cover the cost of 2021-22 student school registration fees for parents	\$450,000.00
after School Intervention supplies	\$40,000.00
Summer Learning: Supplies (\$60,000 per year)	\$180,000.00
Mentor supplies and materials for students: \$700 per year (3); = \$2100	\$2,000.00
We are seeking to partner with Rosecrance to secure a full-time staff member/counselor to provide services for FHS and possibly FMS. (\$121,952 per year for 1 full-time staff member.) The Rosecrance staff would provide both group and individual support services for identified students as well as assist in making referrals for therapeutic services for students displaying recurring/severe emotional disturbances. Staff may also assist in providing short-term therapeutic support to assist in stabilizing students who are in the process of re-engaging in school, with the goal of successfully intervening prior to the need for Caresline-level intervention or hospitalization. Please note that total cost may be lower depending upon Rosecrance's ability to hire and place staff in these positions. PPE Supplies (masks)	\$731,712.00 \$82,517.00
Pay school nurses an additional 5 days to prepare for medical exclusions, etc. (\$10,000 per year) Salaries	\$30,000.00
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Salaries Summer Training/Extended Hours for Paraprofessionals. We will use ESSER funding to provide additional opportunities for paraprofessionals to participate in training opportunities with our certified staff as well for the purposes of supporting the implementation of school-wide programs/processes (such as PBIS, etc.). We will also use these funds to compensate paraprofessionals for participating in and completing additional training with respect to implementing evidence-based strategies for supporting student learning and functional goals under the direction of certified teachers/staff. (Estimated cost of ~\$20,000 per year for all paraprofessionals to perform work for up to at least 8 additional hours.)	\$52,850.00

MTSS facilitators FHS, FMS: One FTE in each building to provide consistent and	
effective implementation of MTSS at the secondary level. SalarMTSS Facilitator	
Salaries one in each building at K-6 buildings	\$1,861,657.00
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work for up to at least 8 additional hours.)	\$7,150.00
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effective implementation of MTSS at the secondary level. BENEFITSMTSS Facilitator	
benefits one in each building at K-6 buildings	\$495,675.00
Fund a "Grow Your Own" Teacher Prep Program by financially supporting current	
paraeducators and staff with BA degrees interested in obtaining a Professional Educator	
License (PEL) in hard to fill positions (for example: Special Education (LBS1),	
bi-lingual, secondary math / science, spanish, etc)	\$225,000.00
Wilson Training. We will use ESSERS funding to provide a basic/overview training to	
special education teachers districtwide with respect to multi-sensory, systematic reading	
instructional strategies which may help ensure specialized instructional services better	
meet the needs of students with IEPs as we address learning loss, etc. through either	
Wilson or Orton Gillingham at the cost of ~\$300 per teacher for a total of around 40	
certified staff (\$12,000). We will also plan to pay for up to ten teachers across each	
building to complete the Wilson Reading System Level 1 Certification, which will allow	
for these staff to provide even greater intervention for students who most need this type	
of evidence-based strategy. (\$2,300 per teacher * 10 teachers = \$23,000.)	\$35,000.00
Summer Institute: Presenters	\$120,000.00
Summer Institute: Teacher Salaries	\$120,000.00
Summer institute: Teacher Benefits	\$30,000.00
Contract with A-NET for Carl Sandburg Middle School, Center Elementary, and Empire	
Elementary to support and a 3 year pilot Tier One Instructional - teaching that is	
grounded in standards, shaped by data, and built upon the practices of great educators	
across the country. A-Net has been proven to turn around achievement data at schools	
that serve students from low-income households. The Partnership with A-Net will help	
us to close achievement gaps and learning loss that were experienced at our lowest	
performing elementary schools (\$123,900 per year).	\$371,700.00
Summer institute: light refreshments	\$30,000.00

Goalbook App (3-year contract: \$24k per year):	
Goalbook Toolkit assists special education teachers in developing better IEPs and	
SMART goals and provides teachers with tools for assessing and identifying areas of	
need and evidence-based strategies to support students in achieving goals in said areas.	
Goalbook also provides a variety of quick assessments which can assist teachers in	
monitoring student progress with respect to IEP goals. Together, these supports allow	
teachers to better assess, monitor, and respond to the impact COVID has had on the	
present levels and individualized needs of students with IEPs.	\$72,293.00
Auditor services to review grant finances and prepare an audit for submission to ISBE	
(\$25,000 x 3 years)	\$75,000.00
Completely renovate the playgrounds at 6 elementary schools	\$7,000,000.00
Convert the Carl Sandburg School swimming pool and adjacent mechanical rooms and	
locker rooms into an activity room to provide additional space for grade 5-6 PE classes	
and school activities.	\$500,000.00
After school intervention- snacks	\$10,000.00
Secretary to Asst. Director - salary for 3 years (will also work on documentation of	
ESSER grants in the next four years)	\$107,942.00
Secretary to Asst. Director - benefits for 3 years (will also work on documentation of	
ESSER grants in the next four years)	\$60,000.00
TOTAL	\$15,950,994