

### **Cloverdale Community Schools ESSER III Funds Utilization**

American Rescue Plan ESSER III, which are federal COVID-19 stimulus relief funds, provides a total of nearly \$122 billion to states and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation's students. In addition to ARP ESSER III, the ARP Act includes \$3 billion for special education, \$2.75 billion to support non-public schools, and additional funding for homeless children and youth.

The U.S. Department of Education has made more than \$1.9 billion in ARP ESSER funds available to the Indiana Department of Education. According to a U.S. Department of Education fact sheet about the use of ARP ESSER III funds, school districts are required to set aside at least 20 percent of the funds to "address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions and ensure that those interventions respond to students' social, emotional, and academic needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, children from low-income families, children with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care)."

Cloverdale Community School Corporation announces the plan to utilize American Rescue Plan (ARP) federal funds to overcome "Learning Loss" that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, included in the plan is the 2020-2021 "Return to In-Person Instructional Plan." Our corporation's plan and grant application were submitted to the Indiana Department of Education for review and were approved. Over the next three years, the funds will be used to address learning loss due to COVID-19 and to support the district's multi-tiered system of supports for students. In addition, other items like summer learning opportunities, social-emotional programming, and recovery services to support our special education students will also be charged to the grant. Throughout the funding period of the ARP ESSER grant, Cloverdale Community Schools will continue to monitor, evaluate, and update our plan based on stakeholder feedback and the needs of the system.