

## ESSER III Spending Plan- Kell Consolidated School District #2

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Under the American Rescue Plan (ARP), which became law in March 2021, school districts around the country will receive funding to address the impact of COVID-19 on students' academic, social, emotional and mental health needs. This funding is known as "ESSER III." "ESSER" is short for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief. ESSER III receives its numerical designation from the fact that the ARP ESSER Fund is the third set of COVID-related federal relief grants for schools that Congress has passed since the pandemic began. ESSER I and ESSER II were established respectively by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in March 2020 and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act in December 2020.

### *How much money will ESSER III provide?*

ESSER III will provide nearly \$122 billion to state educational agencies 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. Kell Consolidated School District #2 is expected to receive \$241,542 in ESSER III funds.

### *How will Kell CSD #2 use its ESSER III funds?*

This spending plan focuses on two areas to ensure the safety of our students and staff as well as address learning loss that may have occurred during the COVID-19 global pandemic. Our plan recognizes that no less than 20% of all ESSER III funds must be used to address learning loss. The costs listed below are estimates only. In order to support individual student success, teachers and administrators will analyze data to determine the supports needed for each student. The District plans to use its ESSER III grant money in these areas, pending approval from the Illinois State Board of Education:

1. Provide Professional Development for teachers and staff by individuals of the Regional Office of Education.
2. Development of an outdoor classroom to address social, emotional, and mental stress.
3. The creation of outdoor learning stations in the areas of Math, ELA, and Science
4. Purchase summer enrichment supplies and materials.
5. Purchase supplies and materials to be used for after school care.
6. Purchase of learning loss supplies and materials to be distributed evenly among grades K-8.
7. Improvement of the exterior WIFI routing system.
8. Funds will be allocated to offset custodial and kitchen staff salaries to help with the additional cleaning and food preparation that may be required.