

## ESSER III ARP PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUNDS AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Schulenburg ISD is applying for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Federal grant for funding. These federal funds were appropriated to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for public education purposes under the ARP Act through the ESSER III Fund.

**ARP ESSER III Overview:** The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, was enacted on March 11, 2021. The ARP Act provides additional funding for school districts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Education portion of ARP is known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III or ARP ESSER) Fund.

- Grant Timeframe: Grant expires September 30, 2023. If needed, districts can carry over unused funds and be allowed to continue spending until September 30, 2024.
- Districts will be required to follow all federal, state, and local regulations and requirements for federal grant administration and fiscal spending of funds.
- Schulenburg ISD has been allocated \$1,407,051 – to be expended over a 3-year period.

**ARP ESSER III Purpose:** The purpose of the ARP ESSER III fund is to address learning loss and support and sustain safe operations of schools while meeting students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools. ARP ESSER III grant funds were issued for one-time or short-term types of expenditures to address the identified needs caused by the pandemic.

Schulenburg ISD Tentative Plan for the ARP ESSER III Funding:

- Provide student academic support
- Provide student social and emotional support
- COVID-19 safety measures

**Public Notification and Comments:** Your input and comments are requested to help Schulenburg ISD determine how to prioritize spending of the ARP ESSER III funds. Please participate in the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V9CJT9T> survey is open from June 3 - June 11, 2021. Schulenburg ISD's final plan will reflect student and staff needs and incorporate public input and comments.

Thank you

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