

Proposed ESSER Amendment Initiatives

Omaha Public Schools

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Pillar I: Academics

Teacher Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement	Est Cost
Teacher Advanced Academics – Graduate Program Paying for up to 18 hours of graduate college courses for qualifying high school teachers	\$2.63m
Accelerating Teacher Learning University partnership to provide up to 1,000 teachers up to 9 graduate credit hours of instruction	\$5.00m
Student Teacher Stipend \$9,000 stipends for student teachers serving in OPS and \$1,500 stipends for their mentor teacher	\$3.95m
Teacher Scholar Program Partnership with a university to provide funding to a group of high-achieving students who are seeking to obtain teacher certification. Designed to encourage teacher development in hard-to-fill areas in the District	\$6.35m
Teacher Academy Project Secondary education certification program for individuals that have earned a Bachelor’s degree and aspire to become a teacher. The goal is to increase certifications in high-demand areas (e.g., math, science, and world language)	\$0.85m

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Student Academic Supports	Est Cost
<p>Student Advanced Academics – Dual Enrollment <i>Paying for advanced academic tuition and exam fees (e.g., advanced placement, Cambridge, and International Baccalaureate exams) and OPS-approved dual enrollment courses</i></p>	<p>\$2.35m</p>
<p>Moving Special Education Forward <i>Transform service delivery system, purchase an electronic IEP goal progress monitoring system, initiatives to improve student outcomes, and expand professional learning opportunities for teachers, families, and others</i></p>	<p>\$0.25m</p>
<p>Summer Book Fair <i>Summer book program for each PreK through 6th grade student (7 to 10 books per student)</i></p>	<p>\$2.95m</p>
<p>Next Level Learning – Extra ½ Day (Session 1) <i>Expand Next Level Learning to a full day for middle school students</i></p>	<p>\$2.55m</p>
<p>Next Level Learning – Additional Curriculum <i>Designed to enhance student engagement for elementary and middle school students; will include hands-on, exploratory experiences for students in a camp-like environment with more interactive classroom experiences</i></p>	<p>\$6.00m</p>

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Pillar II: Student and Staff Well-Being

Health and Wellness	Est Cost
Employee Wellness Programs <i>Wellness fairs, staff memberships at fitness facilities, health and wellness app, and other resources</i>	\$2.50m
COVID-19 Testing Programs <i>Partnership to provide testing for symptomatic students and staff</i>	\$0.60m

Pillar IV: Family and Community Engagement

Student and Family Supports	Est Cost
Mobile Food Program <i>Partnership with a food bank to do monthly distributions at 2 school sites; free to families</i>	\$0.20m

Total Cost of All Programs \$36.18m