

# Omaha Public Schools

## ESSER II & III Spending Initiatives

October 25, 2021



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- Funding currently available - \$280,644,904
  - ESSER II - \$86,420,681
  - ESSER III - \$194,224,223
- ESSER III requires 20% of funds (or \$38,844,845) to be used for learning loss recovery
- The current proposal is for \$52,700,000 to be used for academic recovery or learning loss recovery initiatives
- ESSER II funds expire on September 20, 2023
- ESSER III funds expire on September 30, 2024
- Both ESSER II and III are reimbursement programs, similar to Title, whereby the District will incur the expenses and submit reimbursement requests to NDE

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# Pillar I – Academic Recovery & Acceleration

Category	Brief Description	Amount	Year(s)
High Dosage Tutoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tutoring small groups at frequent intervals (3+ sessions per week or 50+ hours over 36 weeks) utilizing trained tutors and quality lessons directly connected to learning in the classroom</li> <li>▪ Small group intervention during the school day in collaboration with schools</li> <li>▪ Reading recovery training for turn-around schools</li> </ul>	\$24,300,000	2021-22 2022-23 2023-24
Next Level Learning	Aligned with differentiated student needs and high-quality curriculum, taught by qualified and skilled teachers	\$12,000,000	2021-22 2022-23 2023-24
Early Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extend the partnership with Children’s Literacy Initiative; continue to add school cohorts for 2 years</li> <li>▪ Home visits for all PK and 1st grade students/families providing books for home as well as literacy supports</li> <li>▪ Provide professional learning to support teachers, families, and leaders in building relationships</li> <li>▪ Early literacy support materials</li> <li>▪ “Behind the Glass” rooms added to 16 schools</li> </ul>	\$9,700,000	2022-23 2023-24

# Pillar I – Academic Recovery & Acceleration

Category	Brief Description	Amount	Year(s)
Instructional Materials - Classroom	Content and grade level specific materials and resources for the classrooms that support instructional delivery or aid student learning in alignment with standards and curriculum guides. (i.e., manipulatives, books, supplies)	\$4,000,000	2022-23 2023-24
Technology and Digital Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Utilize a learning management system to support a digital learning experience that aids the delivery of educational courses and improve learner engagement</li> <li>▪ Review current digital resources for effectiveness and develop new tactics within the platform</li> <li>▪ New learning management system (i.e., Canvas)</li> </ul>	\$5,000,000	2021-22 2022-23 2023-24
Adaptive Learning Tools	Incorporate Lexia (grades 3-5) into the literacy block and required time allotments	\$1,200,000	2022-23 2023-24
Teacher Development	Build a leadership corps of model classrooms for instructional practice and grade level learning. Develop teachers at each grade level to support literacy and math. Professional learning will be provided throughout the year and teachers will actively participate in curriculum development and sharing learning with peers at their schools	\$4,700,000	2022-23 2023-24

# Pillar I – Academic Recovery & Acceleration

Category	Brief Description	Amount	Year(s)
Accelerate Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equip teachers with strategies to accelerate, individualize, and monitor student learning</li> <li>Build leadership capacity to identify unfinished learning in the classroom and create schoolwide expectations for implementation strategies</li> <li>Accelerate learning throughout coordinated interventions, progress monitoring, and collaborative planning to improve core instruction</li> </ul>	\$2,000,000	2021-22 2022-23 2023-24
Curriculum Adoptions	<p>Upgrade &amp; replace older curriculum at all grade levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elementary social studies</li> <li>Secondary science</li> <li>Secondary social studies</li> <li>Secondary ELA</li> </ul>	\$24,000,000	2021-22 2022-23 2023-24
Technology	Technology refresh for iPads, cases, and warranties for student and teacher deployed devices; internet connectivity for all devices	\$63,000,000	2021-22 2022-23 2023-24
<b>Total for Pillar I</b>		<b>\$149,900,000</b>	

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# Pillar II – Student and Staff Well-Being

Category	Brief Description	Amount	Year(s)
Social and Emotional Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement Second Step curriculum in all K-8 schools</li> <li>RULER Training Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence; implement at 14 additional schools</li> <li>Family workshops on Common Sense Parenting</li> </ul>	\$460,000	2021-22 2022-23 2023-24
Mental Wellness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish partnerships with local mental health resources and behavioral health partners to support critical needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic</li> <li>Compassion fatigue and self-care training for staff as well as social and emotional learning for adults</li> </ul>	\$5,034,904	2021-22 2022-23 2023-24
Trauma Informed Care	Interactive and engaging asynchronous training; learning objectives include: increases awareness about traumatic stress symptoms, biological effects of stress on the brain and body, factors that promote resiliency, etc.	\$1,500,000	2021-22 2022-23 2023-24
Multiple Tiered Systems of Support	Enhance systems and support for attendance, foster youth, homeless youth, and incarcerated youth. Provide appropriate response and support services for students experiencing mental health crises at school	\$1,500,000	2021-22 2022-23 2023-24
<b>Total for Pillar II</b>		<b>\$8,494,904</b>	

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# Pillar III – Infrastructure For The Future

Category	Brief Description	Amount	Year(s)
Indoor Air Quality	Replace and upgrade HVAC control systems at 32 schools	\$21,250,000	2023-24
Indoor Air Quality – Carbon Monoxide Detection	Measurable assessment tool for IAQ & student safety; installation and monitoring packages for 96 District sites	\$7,250,000	2021-22 2022-23
Indoor Air Quality – Mechanical Systems	Replace standard boilers and chillers at 10 schools	\$23,000,000	2021-22 2022-23 2023-24
Roof Replacements	Replace roofs (removal and reinstallation) – Approximately 6 million square feet of work	\$32,537,000	2022-23 2023-24
Window Replacements	Replace and upgrade window systems to insulated energy efficient / safety glass window systems; up to 3 schools	\$9,000,000	2021-22
Hydration Stations	Replace water fountains with hands-free bottle fillers; cost includes plumbing upgrades, electrical upgrades, and water filtration systems.	\$5,000,000	2021-22 2022-23 2023-24
Cleaning & Disinfecting	Purchase custodial equipment to enhance cleaning and sanitization of student and staff spaces at all sites (Includes: touchless bathroom cleaning systems, robotic vacuums, and operator optional auto scrubbers)	\$8,000,000	2021-22
<b>Total for Pillar III</b>		<b>\$106,037,000</b>	



**Note:** All the project above will be pending confirmation in the facilities study currently underway and to be completed by December 2022

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# Pillar IV – Family & Community Engagement

Category	Brief Description	Amount	Year(s)
Learning support and Student Well-Being	Home visits to build stronger school and family relationships; support to engage families in academic recovery and acceleration	\$250,000	2021-22 2022-23 2023-24
Professional Development For Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers	Expand partnership with Parent University to provide additional support, training, and resources to assist families facing challenges to increase family stability	\$100,000	2021-22 2022-23
After School Engagement Activities	Provide after-school sports and engagement activities to support social development of students	\$4,000,000	2021-22 2022-23 2023-24
<b>Total For Pillar IV</b>		<b>\$4,350,000</b>	

**Note:** In addition to the initiatives described above and on the prior pages, \$1,350,000 (or 0.48% of the total ESSER II & III funds available) is being allocated for program administration and project management and \$10,513,000 for indirect costs