

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS ESSER FUNDS



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## **ESSER Quick Facts**

- What does ESSER Stand for?
  - Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief
- How do school district's access the funds?
  - ESSER funds are federal funds, OSPI administers the funds by passing them on to local school districts
  - Allocated based on census/poverty measures
  - School re-opening plan must be approved by OSPI
  - Grant is on a reimbursement basis, the District has to make a grant application with OSPI, and then must extend it's own current resources before ESSER funds can be received. Districts go through a claims process to be reimbursed.



### Allowable Activities – Allowable Uses

- Summary to safely reopen schools, to restore and maintain high-quality learning environments, and to take comprehensive action to accelerate learning and mitigate negative impacts on learning
- Districts should especially consider the needs of its students furthest from educational justice, which may include students experiencing poverty, students with disabilities, multilingual/English learners, students of color, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care.



#### Allowable Activities – Allowable Uses

- Initiatives to accelerate student learning (high quality instructional materials, assessment tools, other literary initiatives)
- Initiatives that promote health and safety
- Initiatives that prepare schools for reopening
- In summary ESSER funded activities can benefit all students and schools or be targeted to select students and schools



## Federal ESSER I/II/III Funds

- District uses of ESSER funds will be a combination of higher staffing and service levels and new costs to enrich, accelerate and support learning
- ESSER I in 2019-20, \$428K
- ESSER II in 2020-21, \$1.6M
- ESSER III in 2021-22, \$3.6M





## Federal ESSER I – CARES Act



Technology Equipment for 1:1 Model of Instruction (Chromebooks)





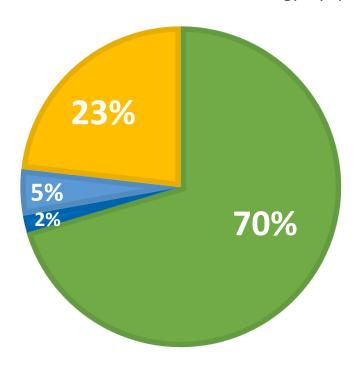
# Federal ESSER II Spending

#### ESSER II - ACTUAL SPEND IN 2020-21 \$1.6M

- School Building Instructional Staff 70%
- Social Emotional Supports 2%

■ Summer School 5%

■ Technology Equipment 23%





# Federal ESSER III Spending Plan

