

McKinney ISD Uses of Funds Plan

McKinney ISD (MISD) will apply for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) grant from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) based on funds received from the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The total amount of funding McKinney ISD is eligible for is approx. \$16.5 million. TEA will release 2/3 of these funds, approx. \$11.0 million following completion of the required application and submittal of a Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan. The remaining 1/3 of the funds, \$5.5 million, are scheduled for release pending Federal Agency approval.

MISD's philosophy is centered around the belief that appropriate class sizes, continuity of programs and outstanding teaching staff are the keys to student success. As we begin a Covid-19 recovery phase, irrespective of the temporary Covid-19 enrollment decline, MISD believes that addressing learning loss through continuing to employ existing staff, which maintains appropriate class sizes and continuity of programs, will be the best use of the ESSER III funds. Additionally, employment of existing staff allows for continuation of learning loss remediation through credit recovery, summer school and tutoring. Thoughtful planning will be required prior to any staff adjustments related to enrollment normalization.