



ARP-ESSER III

PLAN FOR THE SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES:

In March 2021, the United States Congress passed and President Joseph R. Biden jr., signed into law the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. The Act funds Elementary and Secondary School Relief Fund (ESSER) III. Its purpose is to provide funding for public school units across the nation to prepare, prevent, and respond to Covid-19 with emphasis for use of funds to address learning loss through evidence based interventions that respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs; prepare schools for reopening; and testing, repairing, and upgrading projects to improve air quality in school buildings. ARP-ESSER III appropriates over \$120 billion to the states to safely reopen and sustain safe operation of schools in light of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

The Moore County Schools (MCS) applied and was approved for funding under ARP-ESSER III in the amount of : \$17,575,450.

Per the application, MCS proposed to expend funds, once received, as follows under the Act in the following approved areas of use:

Addressing Learning Loss (Excluding Summer Programs)	\$3,515,090.00
Facilities Repairs/Improvements to Minimize Virus Transmission	\$9,014,400.92
Improve Air Quality	\$ 34,000.00
Addressing Unique Needs of Special Populations	\$1,500,000.00
Summer Learning	\$ 602,758.04
Education Technology	\$1,045,201.00
Other ESSA Eligible Activities (<i>Including Indirect Costs</i>)	\$1,864,000.00



Moore County Schools plans to return to full day, five day per week, in face-to-face instruction for the 2021-22 school year beginning the first day of school. A full continuum of services will be provided as prior to the outbreak of the COVID-19 global pandemic including meals and transportation. The plan to return is based on feedback that was received from stakeholders, the recommendation of the Superintendent, and with approval from the MCS Board of Education.

Moore County Schools has maintained in-person instruction with a full continuum of services. We have continued to provide a virtual learning option with our Connect Virtual Academy as a school.

The public was invited and encouraged to share comments with regards to the plan of the school system to fully reopen to in person instruction and received comments from stakeholders surveys and during public comment periods regarding our plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services.

MCS will continue to follow all local, state, and federal directives with regards to the safe and orderly operation of schools in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, including the latest updates from the NC Public Health Strong Schools Toolkit and any Executive Orders issued by the Governor of North Carolina.

In accordance with federal law, this information shall remain posted on our website at www.ncmcs.org through the end of ARP-ESSER III funding availability on September 30th 2024.