

BUTTE FALLS ARP ESSER (ESSER III) Community Letter



Subject: Oregon's application for ARP ESSER (ESSER III) funds has been submitted

Dear Butte Falls School District Parents & Community;

An opportunity is ahead of us to make use of federal funds to benefit our students and school community. The funds will allow us to expand efforts already underway in our state and district, such as:

1. Addressing unfinished learning through asset-based acceleration strategies
2. Prioritizing health, safety, wellness, and connections for all communities
3. Strengthening high-quality, culturally-sustaining and revitalizing instruction, leadership, and pathways to graduation and post-secondary transitions.

About the funding: On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. The ARP Act includes nearly \$122 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Fund. The Oregon Department of Education was allocated \$1.121 billion. 90% of this amount (\$1,008,925,861) will go to districts using the Title I formula.

What this means for our district: The Title I formula for our district will result in \$514,724.30 of funding through the 2023/2024 school year. Here's what you need to know about how that funding will be used:

Our goal is to make up for any lost learning through the following interventions:

- Use local and state assessments to identify individual student learning loss
- Provide small group learning based on student instructional need
- Keep grade level cohorts together
- Use Oregon Equity Lens to ensure focal group students are being served
- Use instructional assistants to support teacher instruction and student learning
- Use formative assessments to adjust instruction as needed
- Provide online learning program to ensure equitable access to instruction for students with individual health needs, those under quarantine and students needing a virtual learning option.

Provide your input: In order to ensure that funding coming to our district meets our current needs, we are planning to hold virtual parent engagement meetings, provide information on our website at www.buttefalls.k12.or.us, and provide updates at school board meetings. Parents and community members are also welcome to reach out anytime with questions and comments by emailing to Feedback@buttefalls.k12.or.us

We look forward to seizing this opportunity for Butte Falls School District/Butte Falls Charter School.

Dr. Philip Long - Superintendent