

## **Using ESSER Funds**

to Tackle Learning Loss and  
Virtual Education Preparedness  
with Stride Learning Solutions



## Reducing the Impact of COVID–19 on Students Through Federal Relief Funding

In 2020, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) which includes stimulus funding for K–12 schools, known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds.

This financial support allows districts to invest in tools and resources designed to minimize the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, primarily in the areas of learning recovery, mental health, and virtual learning readiness.

**OVER \$190 BILLION**

in stimulus funding for schools

**ESSER I FUNDS**

must be spent by September 30, 2022

**ESSER II FUNDS**

must be spent by September 30, 2023

## Post–Pandemic Concerns Among Districts, Schools & Educators

### LEARNING LOSS & RECOVERY

How can districts arm educators with the resources they need to get students up to speed and master core curriculum?

### SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) & MENTAL HEALTH

Do educators have the tools required to address students' mental health challenges, e.g. post-pandemic anxiety?

### REOPENING SCHOOLS & VIRTUAL LEARNING PREPAREDNESS

What measures can be taken to ensure schools are equipped to reopen safely?  
How can schools ensure a smooth transition back to virtual learning if needed?



## Addressing Concerns with ESSER Funds: Top Use Cases

### PLANNING FOR LONG-TERM CLOSURES

- **Invest** in quality online learning software and technology
- **Ensure** equitable access to educational services for all students
- **Coordinate** response efforts between Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and the government
- **Prepare** educators and school leaders with adequate resources to meet student challenges including SEL and mental health

### IMPLEMENTING SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS

- **Enhance** summer and extended learning programs through accessible online instruction
- **Develop** curriculum to address critical areas of need, e.g. credit recovery
- **Adapt** educational services to meet the needs of all students, including students with disabilities, English learners, low-income students and other vulnerable groups

### EXECUTING SCHOOL REOPENINGS SAFELY

- **Purchase** supplies and train LEA staff on how to sanitize buildings and other facilities
- **Provide** adequate and accessible mental health services to help students adapt to their new surroundings and schedule

## Make a Difference in Your District with Stride Learning Solutions

Since 2000, Stride Learning Solutions has been a leader in strategic solutions to solve district challenges. Our flexible and highly-engaging online and blended learning options are designed specifically for virtual learning and supported by professional development for educators.



## Stride Rapid Credit Recovery can help districts address these critical ESSER considerations:



### SPEED RECOVERY

Fund interventions to close learning gaps and accelerate learning



### ENSURE EQUITY

Meet the unique needs of all students



### PRIORITIZE SEL

Help develop a growth mindset



### PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

Implement systems to improve readiness for school closings

With an innovative platform, comprehensive digital courseware, adaptable technology, and extensive support, Stride Learning Solutions will help your school or district empower a brighter future for learners.

Contact us for more information about Stride Learning Solutions and how we can help you **maximize your ESSER funds**.

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