

## **ESSER III Funds Use Plan**

Berwyn North School District 98 held a Special Board of Education Meeting on June 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm via zoom located at our District Office, 6633 W. 16th Street, Berwyn IL 60402. The purpose of this meeting was to allow the community to discuss how Berwyn North School District 98 will allocate the ESSER III Federal Grant money through public feedback. The Chief School Business Official presented the Board, Staff and Community with the District's allocation of the ESSER III Grant.

Some of the ideas put forth by the Superintendent and the Chief School Business Official include the increase in after school programs, the inclusion of more fine arts, sports and academic programs, the implementation of a 24 hour access to tutoring program, hiring of program assistants for 1-2 years to help address the K-2 needs, and hiring two counselors for the middle school. This will help to fill in the loss of face to face instruction during the pandemic. We will practice and follow the CDC guidelines with social distancing with proper PPE supplies. Hiring additional staff and counselors will ensure that all grade levels are receiving adequate services to help with the social, emotional, mental health and academic needs. Superintendent Smith and the Board asked the Community for feedback to which a member of the community asked if there would be any extra assistance geared toward the Kindergarten students since their loss was great during this pandemic. Dr. Smith, ensured the community that there are programs and additional staff that will be put in place for K-2 in order to mitigate the learning gaps created by COVID. There has not been any loss of learning but a gap that must be filled when a student is unable to effectively learn a specific topic of learning materials. She is working diligently to fill the gaps through the recommendations made to the community for the use of the ESSER III grant. Incorporating STEAM labs in 2 remaining schools will enhance the Science/Math engineering skills. Technology devices will be purchased (I-PADS, Chromebooks) with protection plan and carrying cases. Other funds will be used to purchase educational platforms to help with assessments to ensure we can measure academic growth and additional needs during this pandemic. We will address air quality (all mechanical systems) throughout the district along with updated water refillable fountains which supports the safety guideline of CDC. We will provide summer school for Fine Arts for students. Access control key fob for a keyless entrance into the building. Upgrade bleachers to help social distancing for students in the gymnasium.