

ESSER January 2022 Public Report

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Many of you may have noticed the news reports related to the spending of funds provided by the Federal Government to school districts under the three acts passed to address COVID relief. The news reports state that large portions of the grants have yet to be spent by school districts. Those reports are true, but there are reasons that reports fail to address.

One primary reason that funds remain unspent is that the grants provided are intended to be spent over a four year period of time. We are in the middle of the second year of that four year time frame. A large portion of the funds are payroll related. Obviously, you don't make payroll payments until the employees have conducted the required work. Tutoring, such as our after-school programs, and other services will continue to be funded from ESSER federal funds for another two school years after the end of the current school year.

A second reason that funds have yet to be spent is that it takes time to complete the process of making purchases. Large scale purchases must go through the timeline of a bidding process before a purchase can be made. With the current supply chain problems, which with all of us have some experience, items that are ordered are often not received for months. As an example, Chester County placed orders for several items in December which are not expected to be delivered before August. Funds are not "spent" until the purchase and delivery are completed.

Finally, the process required to have approval from the state to expend grant funds has been lengthy in large part due to federal requirements. Approval to expend ESSER 3 funds, which is by far the largest portion of the total grant funds, did not take place until November of 2021.

With that being said, Chester County Schools has strived to utilize the funds in a wise manner. Below is a list of purchases which have been

ordered, and in some instances received and paid for since the beginning of the life of the federal grants.

ESSER I (Grant total \$535,860.00) (Funds available through 21-22)

19-20 Student Meal Distribution (Spent)	\$20,836.00
19-20 School Germ Killing Ozone Treatment (Spent)	\$20,000.00
20-21 After School Prog. Teachers/Parapros (Spent)	\$218,349.47
20-21 After School Prog. Transportation (Spent)	\$10,765.39
20-21 Technology to address pandemic (Spent)	\$68,194.90
20-21 Spec. Ed. Academic Materials (Spent)	\$917.02
20-21 Medical Supplies (Spent)	\$1,014.00
20-21 School Ventilation Upgrades (Spent)	\$139,446.46
20-21 Indirect Costs (Funds moved into General Fund)	\$20,011.89
21-22 English Language Learners Instr. Materials (Spent)	\$3,174.96
21-22 Online Student Registration Set-Up (Spent)	\$2,882.68
21-22 Chemistry Instr. Materials (Ordered/Most Arrived)	\$8,492.86
21-22 Biology Instr. Materials (Ordered)	\$6,464.00
21-22 Nursing Instr. Materials (Ordered)	\$900.00
21-22 Ag. Science Instr. Materials (Ordered)	\$11,184.99
21-22 Ag. Science Instr. Materials (Not Yet Ordered)	\$845.00
21-22 Indirect Costs (Not yet moved into General Fund)	\$1,351.15
TOTAL ESSER 1 SPENT/MOVED TO GENERAL FUND	\$505,592.77
TOTAL ESSER 1 ORDERED/CONTRACTED	\$27,041.85
TOTAL ESSER 1 NOT YET ORDERED/MOVED	\$4,934.25

ESSER II (Grant total \$2,169,202.65) (Funds available through 22-23)

20-21 Online Learning Contract (Spent)	\$447,287.91
20-21 Instructional Supplies (Spent)	\$6,965.00
20-21 Instructional Equipment (Spent)	\$25,250.40
20-21 School Bus Cameras (Spent)	\$18,816.00
20-21 School Security-Keypad Entry (Spent)	\$21,990.00
20-21 Update Heat/Air Conditioning/Ventilation (Spent)	\$215,832.00
21-22 After School Prog. Transportation (Spent - Dec. 2021)	\$2,418.96
21-22 Nurses for Summer Sch. 2022 (To be used in June)	\$10,446.71

21-22 Sch. Crisis Counselor (Spent - Dec. 2021)	\$24,353.52
21-22 Addition of awnings on school campuses (Contracted)	\$254,266.11
21-22 Six Copier Machines/Maintenance Contracts (Ordered)	\$35,000.00
21-22 Covered Trailer for Tech. Dept. (Spent)	\$4,250.00
21-22 Sch. Nurse Vision Screening Equip. (Spent)	\$22,550.37
21-22 Three Part-Time Sch. Nurses (Spent - Dec. 2021)	\$11,991.49
21-22 Student Calculators (Spent)	\$1,934.62
21-22 School Awning Project (Spent)	\$108,113.77
21-22 School Awning Project (Contracted)	\$146,152.34
21-22 Classroom Sound Amplification Systems (Contracted)	\$83,120.00
21-22 Auto Mech. Master Tool Set (Ordered)	\$16,542.50
21-22 Classroom Ambulance Trainer (Ordered)	\$46,150.00
21-22 Student Chromebooks (Ordered)	\$225,000.00
21-22 Classroom Presentation Hardware(Ordered)	\$210,800.00
21-22 ADHD supplies (Not Yet Ordered)	\$300.00
21-22 Auto Mech. Certification Kits (Not Yet Ordered)	\$37,000.00
21-22 Summer Sch. Cafeteria Personnel (Not Spent)	\$8,110.80
22-23 Online Student Registration Program (Not Spent)	\$4,000.00
21-22 Indirect Cost (Not Yet Moved Into General Fund)	\$84,800.00
TOTAL ESSER 2 SPENT/MOVED TO GENERAL FUND	\$858,683.10
TOTAL ESSER 2 ORDERED/CONTRACTED	\$558,318.33
TOTAL ESSER 2 NOT YET ORDERED/MOVED	\$752,201.22

ESSER III (Grant total \$4,871,721.01) (Funds available through 23-24)

21-22 After Sch. Prg. Teacher/Parapros (Spent through Dec.)	\$25,626.21
After Sch. Prg Teacher/Parapro (Remaining)	\$1,411,937.73
Psychological Examiner Contract (Contract In Process)	\$330,000.00
CASE Benchmark Student Testing (Remaining)	\$198,000.00
CER Consortium (Remaining)	\$30,000.00
21-22 Classroom Presentation Smartboards (Ordered)	\$750,150.00
Educator Computers (Not Ordered)	\$36,000.00
21-22 Building Improvements at Jack's Creek (Spent)	\$88,100.50
21-22 Building Improvements at Jack's Creek (Contracted)	\$264,301.50
21-22 Building Improvements at Jack's Creek (Remaining)	\$147,598.00

21-22 Sch. Bldg. Rekeying Project (Contracted)	\$60,000.00
21-22 Purchase 3 Vehicles for District Use (Ordered)	\$55,040.00
21-22 New Cafeteria Ovens (Ordered)	\$19,529.00
21-22 Cafeteria Food Preparation Supplies (Spent)	\$1,975.35
21-22 Cafeteria Food Preparation Supplies (Ordered)	\$7,000.00
22-24 Cafeteria Food Preparation Supplies (Remaining)	\$9,024.65
22-24 School Nurses (Remaining)	\$96,264.94
22-24 Six Copier Mach./Maintenance Contracts (Remaining)	\$32,500.00
22-24 Sch. Bus Purchases (In Process)	\$1,343,960.00
21-24 Indirect Cost (Not Yet Moved into General Fund)	\$102,981.63
TOTAL ESSER 3 SPENT/MOVED TO GENERAL FUND	\$115,702.06
TOTAL ESSER 3 ORDERED/CONTRACTED	\$1,096,020.50
TOTAL ESSER 3 NOT YET ORDERED/MOVED	\$3,659,998.45

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