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## ESSER III Spending Plan Reporting Requirement for CACS

CACS received funds from the American Rescue Plan that included money for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER). The third round of these funds is known as ESSER III. A requirement is that 20% of the LEA's ESSER III award (FIN 161) must be used for activities that address lost learning opportunities. CACS utilized our funds for this portion to go towards our after-school program. Our families that qualified for Free and Reduced lunches can attend this program free of charge and it is open to all students that are enrolled at CACS. There are educational opportunities-a time to get caught up with school work and receive extra help, a healthy snack, and physical exercise is included as part of this daily program. The program operates whenever students are in session from 3:00 to 5:30.

The remaining 80% of CACS ESSER III award (FIN 160) went towards classroom reduction. Smaller class sizes will allow the staff to spend extra time and provide additional support to all students enrolled at CACS. This support will help all students; including low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students. Having a smaller teacher to student ratio will provide our students with additional time to ensure all students have access to more learning opportunities throughout the school day to ensure progress is being made.

URL is: <http://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/health/covid19/cares/ESSER/>



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