What rules must districts follow?

The District MUST:

- Consult with students, families, school staff and community members to develop their plan
- Explain how it will respond to academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs for students disproportionately harmed by COVID, including ensuring safe in-person learning
- Use 20% of funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time
- Adopt the ESSER III Expenditure Plan at a public meeting by October 29th
- Revise their plans over time to address changing needs of underserved students

How can funds be used?

- Comprehensive after school and extended learning; tutoring or small-group instruction
- Building and expanding racially just, relationship-centered community schools and integrating social emotional learning into daily instruction
- Increased mental health services; access to school meal programs; educational technology for online learning
- Improved student and family engagement, especially for underserved students
- School facility repairs and improvements to improve air quality and reduce safety risks
- Services to address needs of low-income children, students with disabilities, English learners, students experiencing homelessness, youth in foster care, and other student groups disproportionately harmed by COVID

Questions to Ask Your District

- Have you drafted your ESSER III Expenditure Plan yet? If so, can you post the draft online for community members to review?
- What investments do you plan to make with these funds and why? When will you start spending these funds?
- How much of this funding is being used for new services or positions versus continuing existing services or positions?
- When and how are you planning to get feedback from students, family, staff, and other required community members on this plan?
- How will you ensure that the funds will be distributed equitably to address the needs of the most impacted students and families?
- What metrics will you use to evaluate the impact of investments made with these funds and how will you report publicly on their effectiveness over time?
- Will you commit to engage with the community before making any material revisions to the ESSER III Expenditure Plan in the future?