ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS (ESSER)

COCKE COUNTY SCHOOLS

There have been three rounds of ESSER funds passed by Congress in response to the Covid pandemic. Below are the totals this school district has been alloted. While the first two rounds of funding have been allocated, plans for the third (passed this past March) ***must be submitted to the state by August 1, 2021.***

TEA and NEA worked tirelessly on obtaining these federal funds for schools. Our national efforts have led to these historic levels of federal funding being passed through directly local school districts, and ensured local control in their use.

ESSER 3.0 FUNDING $15,192,005

Passed March 11, 2021. Spending plans due August 1, 2021. Funds may be spent over a three-year period ending Sept. 30, 2023.

ESSER 2.0 FUNDING $6,764,455

Passed March 27, 2020, for use through September 30, 2022

ESSER 1.0 FUNDING $1,552,245

Passed December 27, 2020, for use through September 30, 2021

TOTAL ESSER $23,508,705

ESSER 3.0 requires school districts to consult local associations on use

Federal ESSER 3.0 rules require LEAs to "engage in meaningful consultation" with stakeholders including specifically educators and "their unions." TEA is a professional association, recognized by federal rules as the entity for consultation.*

TEA local association resources

MODEL DIRECTOR'S LETTER: *ready to customize and send, informing district leadership of the requirements and opportunity of local association consultation.*

MODEL EDUCATOR SURVEY: *ready to customize and send to members and/or educators to get funding priority feedback.*

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