

# Dakota Community Unit School District #201

## Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III Funding Plan

### Purpose

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) funds are provided to state education agencies and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the pandemic on students. Dakota CUSD #201 is projected to receive \$850,550 in ESSER III grant funds with all funds needing to be expended by September 2024. Dakota CUSD #201 utilized a stakeholder survey to receive community input to guide our spending plan. Dakota CUSD #201 plans to utilize ESSER III funds for the following purposes:

#### LEA Loss of Learning

- Employ a .5 FTE RTI Teacher for 2 school years (Salary and Benefits) - \$102,037
  - This teacher will be utilized to assist students who have fallen behind by getting them back on track.
- Purchase of IXL Curriculum for Secondary Math and LA as well as a comprehensive K-12 Curriculum - \$24,480
  - The curriculum will be used to help students close the learning loss gaps caused by Covid.
- Purchase online subscriptions to assist teachers with instruction for all students - \$12,000
  - These subscriptions will be used as additional learning tools to help close the learning loss gaps caused by Covid.
- Purchase textbooks for 11<sup>th</sup> grade LA to align with the curriculum - \$4,000
  - Textbooks will be used as tools to help close the learning loss gap caused by Covid.
- Purchase Secondary Textbooks to support academic achievement - \$20,000
  - Textbooks will be used as tools to help close the learning loss gap caused by Covid.
- SEL Curriculum to support the social emotional needs for all students - \$11,931

- This curriculum helps students with their social emotional needs caused by Covid.
- Salaries and Benefits for subs so that staff can attend professional development - \$16,042
  - Subs will be necessary for our teaching staff to attend professional development, giving them strategies to teach students who have fallen behind or who are remote learning due to Covid.
- Purchase additional copy paper - \$3,660
  - Paper will be purchased to create packets for remote learners and help with additional resources to fill the learning loss gaps for students.
- Professional Development for staff - \$42,963
  - Professional development will be provided to strengthen instructional practices for our teaching staff.
- Purchase Papercut software - \$8,200
  - This will allow for easier access to print off curriculum in order to provide enrichment and core instructional materials to reduce learning loss.
- Purchase Chromebooks - \$75,192
  - These will be purchased to assist with remote learning and allow for additional learning resources to help close the learning gaps.
- Purchase a Microsoft Surface - \$1,800
  - This will be purchased to assist one teacher conduct remote learning and help with learning loss in the classroom.
- Purchase iReady software - \$51,786
  - This will be used as a diagnostic instrument and digital instruction tool to gauge what our students needs are and help close the learning loss gaps caused by Covid.
- Science classroom upgrades to improve science instruction at the high school - \$30,000
  - These upgrades will help keep our students a safe distance from each other and help enrich our science program to close learning loss gaps caused by Covid.

### Use of Funds

- Flexible Seating - \$34,470
  - This will create a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment along with keeping students socially distanced.
- Purchase new laptops - \$86,465
  - This will help teachers to better facilitate remote instruction.
- Purchase a projector for the elementary gym - \$15,000

- This will provide a socially distanced large learning space for our students to learn.
- Purchase a shed to store outdoor equipment for our PreK program - \$20,000
  - This will promote outdoor activities for our PreK students and help keep them socially distanced.
- Upgrade sinks, water fountains, and toilets - \$119,035
  - By making our sinks, water fountains and toilets hands free we will help stop the spread of Covid.
- Upgrade the libraries at both the high school and the elementary - \$55,131
  - These upgrades will help keep our students socially distanced and create an environment that is comfortable to learn in.
- Purchase new cafeteria tables at the elementary - \$25,000
  - This will help with social distancing to stop the spread of Covid.
- Create an outdoor eating area at the high school - \$31,640
  - This will help with social distancing to stop the spread of Covid.
- Purchase extended warranties for the teacher laptops - \$4,700
  - This will help extend the life of the purchased laptops to continue to assist with remote learning.
- Purchase band equipment - \$37,000
  - This will support the social emotional needs of students along with helping to address learning loss and to help avoid instrument sharing which helps prevent the spread of Covid.

#### SEA Reservation Loss of Learning

- SEL Curriculum - \$2,156
  - This will be used to support the social emotional needs of all students.
- Professional Development for staff - \$25,000
  - Professional development will be provided to strengthen the instructional practices of our teaching staff.

#### SEA Reservation Summer Enrichment

- Purchase iReady software - \$5,431
  - This will be used as a diagnostic instrument and digital instruction tool.

#### SEA Reservation Afterschool Programs

- Purchase iReady software - \$5,431
  - This will be used as a diagnostic instrument and digital instruction tool.