

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUNDS AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ganado ISD is announcing that the District intends to make an application for federal funds appropriated to the State of Texas for public education purposes under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Fund. The District requests public comment on the application and tentative plans for use of the funds.

ARP ESSER III Overview: The ARP Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, was enacted on March 11, 2021. The ARP Act provides additional funding for school districts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Education portion of ARP is known as the Elementary and Secondary School Relief Fund (ESSER III).

General grant specifics are as follows:

- Grant Timeframe: Grant application deadline is July 27, 2021. The grant expires September 30, 2023. If needed, districts can carryover unused funds and be allowed to continue spending until September 30, 2024.
- Districts will be required to follow all federal, state, and local regulations and requirements for federal grant administration and fiscal spending of funds.
- ESSER III is a one-time grant. Districts are advised to prioritize one-time purchase that will not have an adverse effect on future budget cycles.
- Ganado ISD has been allocated \$846,110 (estimate) in ESSER III funds to be expended over 3 years.

Purpose: To respond to the pandemic and to address student learning loss as a result of COVID-19, LEAs must expend a minimum of 20% of their grant funds on evidence-based interventions, interventions that respond to students' academic, social and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on student populations as defined in ESEA, Title I, Part A; students experiencing homelessness; and youth in foster care.

The LEA must ensure that it engages in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and gives the public an opportunity to provide input in the development of its plan for the uses of ARP ESSER III funds. The ESSER III application process is due to the Texas Education Agency by July 27, 2021.

Public Notification and Comments: Your input and comments are requested to help Ganado ISD determine how to prioritize spending of the ARP ESSER III funds. A survey was sent out on June 21, 2021 and remained open through June 28, 2021. If you missed the survey or would like to provide the district with further comments or input please submit any public comments to efasel@ganadoisd.net or they can be sent by mail by Attention: Erin Fasel, P.O. Box 1200, Ganado, TX 77962.

Alternatively, you may also deliver your comment to Erin Fasel, Superintendent, at 210 S. 6th Street, Ganado, TX 77962. Written comments must be received no later than July 9, 2021. The District will consider all comments received by this deadline.

Tentative Plans for ESSER III Funds based on stakeholder survey information and district and campus leader meetings:

1. Provide additional intervention and support through targeted small group interventions.
2. Supplemental materials/programs that support the collection of data for screening and provides research based information for targeted interventions.
3. Supplies for additional interventions.
4. Provide mental health, social, and emotional support for grades PK-12th.
5. Improve indoor air quality for school facilities within the district

Funds will be used over a 3-year period. Interested parties may file a comment online by emailing efasel@ganadoisd.net