



Mountain BOCES ESSER III Funding Plan

BOCES and school districts across the state and country are receiving American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds to help address COVID 19 recovery.

The Mountain BOCES Draft Plan for spending these funds follows:

ESSER III Information

ESSER III funding is to be used to meet needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. These are one-time funds to address the ongoing impact of the pandemic. Funds are required to be spent by September 30, 2024. The Mtn BOCES Funding Plan describes how we will:

- address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions (20% of funds)
- ensure that interventions will address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students, particularly students from historically underserved populations and
- will spend the remaining funds.

Allocated Funding

The Mtn BOCES was allocated \$107,512.77 of ESSER III funding.

Funding Plan

The Mountain BOCES funding plan that indicates the allocations for these funds appears below. *Please note: These are approximated dollar amounts that may not add to total due to rounding. These amounts are also subject to revision.*

Learning Loss (~\$21,200)

- Goalbook Toolkit will be purchased for 2 years for special education teachers across Mountain BOCES member districts. Goalbook will support those teachers in closing learning gaps and designing and implementing targeted interventions for students.
~\$21,200



Professional development to Support Closing Gaps Created by or Exacerbated by COVID (~\$27,800)

- Offer Orton Gillingham (OG) Advanced Reading Instruction training to special education teachers who have already participated in basic OG training. ~\$8,000
- Send Mtn BOCES staff to professional development to increase their knowledge and skills in order to enhance their support of district personnel, especially in relation to strategies that will support closing learning gaps created by or exacerbated by COVID. ~\$9,000
- Offer professional development to paraprofessionals across our four member districts regarding best practices in special education instruction. ~\$10,800
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Technology & Digital Tools Support (~\$6,500)

- Purchase Chromebooks for High School Students ~\$1,500
- Create reliable Wi-Fi network throughout the Mtn BOCES building to allow for social distancing and participation in remote meetings. (~\$5,000)

Hazard Pay Stipends (~\$18,120)

- Provide hazard salary stipends for Mountain BOCES staff at a rate of \$500/semester for working in conditions that require increased exposure to COVID ~\$14,750
- PERA/Medicare for hazard salary increases ~\$3,370

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