The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of 2021 established the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) III, a fund dedicated to providing a total of nearly $122 billion to States and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation’s students.

Promesa Public Schools has applied for a $2,460,322 grant under this fund. In our efforts to identify the needs of our students and school community an online survey was conducted May 27, 2021-June 4, 2021. Each campus posted the survey on their website. The results included responses from all required stakeholders. This plan was then developed and presented to the School Board at an open meeting on August 4, 2021. There were no public comments.

A minimum of 20% of the funds must be used to address the academic impact of lost instructional time and learning loss brought on by COVID-19. Promesa will exceed this amount of $492,064.

Activities to Address Learning Loss:

Will include implementation of evidence-based interventions, additional instruction offerings, staff to provide support for teachers and students to fill in educational gaps and social/emotional issues caused by the pandemic.

- Literacy Coaches and Curriculum Specialist
- District Social Worker
- Summer School
- Print Resources
- Online programs
- Saturday School
- Student Materials
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Arts Curriculum

Remaining Funds:

- Highly Qualified Staff
- Janitorial/Sanitizing supplies