



**Socorro ISD
Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 1, 2021 5:30 PM**



Agenda of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Socorro ISD

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Socorro ISD will be held June 1, 2021, beginning at 5:30 PM in the District Service Center Board Room, 12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928. All persons in physical attendance are encouraged to wear face masks, maintain at least 3 feet of social distance from one another, and remain in compliance with any other state and local public health orders issued in connection with the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The meeting will also be made available to the public at the following live stream link:
<https://youtu.be/3RqDhcwbrQk>.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Consider approval of Interim Superintendent, Martha Carmona and terms of employment 3
Presenter: Steve Blanco
4. BOARD WORKSHOP
 - A. Presentation of ESSER III (Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief) 4
Funding
INFO: **Socorro ISD is eligible for Elementary and Secondary Education Relief funding through President Biden's American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. This funding is known as "ESSER III" and the submitted document will provide a summary of its main points to the Board of Trustees.
Presenter: Dr. Adam Starke
 - B. Presentation of FY2021-2022 Revenue Estimates and Preliminary Budget 19
INFO: **Administration will provide a presentation for the Board of Trustees.
Presenter: Tony Reza

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any items on the agenda is required to be held in a closed meeting, the Board shall conduct a closed meeting as to that item in accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E, Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act.

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Topic: Interim Superintendent and terms of employment Requested By: Division Approval:	Board Meeting Date Requested: June 1, 2021 Approximate Time For: Presentation: _____ Discussion: _____ Reading Material: Attached _____ Not Necessary _____
Action Requested: Board approval	Action Needed by: _____ Information Only: _____
People Participating In Presentation (If Other Than Cabinet Members):	Who Has Been Involved? (List)
How Will It Benefit The District's Mission/Goals?	How Will Request Be Financed? Cost To District:

Summary of Topic (Need, Program Description, Recommendation, Timeline)

This item will be facilitated by Legal Counsel.

Attachments (List): N/A

Action Taken:

Follow-up Responsibility:

Submit Ten (10) Days Before Board Meeting

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

<p>Topic: ESSER III (Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief) Overview</p> <p>Requested By: Dr. Adam Starke, Director of State and Federal Programs</p> <p>Division Approval: Lucia Borrego, Chief Academic Officer Tony Reza, Chief Financial Officer</p>	<p>Board Meeting Date Requested: <u>June 1, 2021</u></p> <p>Approximate Time For: Presentation: _____ Discussion: _____</p> <p>Reading Material: Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ Not Necessary _____</p>
<p>Action Requested: Information only</p>	<p>Action Needed by: _____ Information Only: <u>Information Only</u></p>
<p>People Participating In Presentation (If Other Than Cabinet Members): Dr. Adam Starke, Director of State and Federal Programs</p>	<p>Who Has Been Involved? (List) Cabinet Dr. Adam Starke, Director of State and Federal Programs</p>
<p>How Will It Benefit The District's Mission/Goals? Description is in summary below.</p>	<p>How Will Request Be Financed? Cost To District: There is no cost to the district for this item.</p>

Summary of Topic (Need, Program Description, Recommendation, Timeline)

Socorro ISD is eligible for Elementary and Secondary Education Emergency Relief funding through President Biden’s American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. This funding source is known as “ESSER III” and the submitted document will provide a summary of its main points to the Board of Trustees.

Attachments (List): ESSER III Overview (Power Point Presentation)

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ESSER III OVERVIEW

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ESSER III General Information

- “ESSER III” is the education funding in President Biden’s American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021.
- “ESSER” is “Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief.” “ESSER I” was awarded in early Fall 2020.
- The intent and purpose of ESSER III is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools, and to address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students.
- SISD eligible ESSER III funding amount: **\$99,236,903**, over a life of three years, through 2023-2024.



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ESSER III Fiscal Considerations

- ESSER allowable expenditures must be proven to be needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ESSER III does not require Maintenance of Effort (MOE), but federal ESSA MOE and federal IDEA MOE are intact. Therefore, expenditures in ESSA programs and IDEA should continue without any supplanting from ESSER III funding.



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- ESSER III contains a new requirement titled “Maintenance of Equity” (MOQ). What is known now is that districts must not reduce per-pupil spending or FTEs for any high-poverty school (defined as top quartile of schools with highest economically disadvantaged population) at a rate higher than any overall reduction across all schools in the district.
- ESSER III mandates that a minimum of 20% of the award must be expended to address “learning loss” and ensuring that interventions are tailored to students’ academic and social/emotional needs.



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Actions Required: Pre-Application

- ESSER III mandates that consultation/presentation must take place with a wide variety of stakeholders. Several forums have been and will be utilized to obtain input and feedback:
 - Principals' Meeting: May 20, 2021
 - Directors' Meeting: May 20, 2021
 - Educator's Professional Advisory Committee Meeting (EPAC): May 20, 2021
 - Special Board of Trustees Meeting: June 1, 2021
 - Parent Advisory Council Meeting: June 2, 2021
 - Student Advisory Council Meeting: June 2, 2021
 - ESSER III Public Hearing (with Public Notice): Regular Board Meeting, July 20, 2021
 - Principals and Department Supervisors are currently obtaining feedback from their faculty and staff members through the end of the school year.



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Actions Required: Pre-Application

- A public hearing (Board meeting) must be conducted to afford the public an opportunity to provide input on the district's plan for expending ESSER III funding. The plan is based on the information to be submitted in the grant application, and it includes determination of COVID-19-caused needs, prioritization of needs, and the estimated expenditure timeline.
- Per ESSER III guidelines, a "Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan" must be developed in addition to the ESSER III implementation plan.



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Actions Required: Post-Award

- Within 30 days of receiving the ESSER III NOGA, the district's plan for expenditures of the ESSER III award must be posted on the district's website.
- Within 30 days of receiving the ESSER III NOGA, the district's Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan must be posted on the district's website, and must be reviewed every six months/revised if necessary until September 2023.



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Socorro ISD ESSER III Draft Plan

- Currently, four major categories have been identified as areas where needs exist in SISD, listed below:
 - Category 1: Accelerated Learning
 - Category 2: Wrap-Around Services
 - Category 3: Infrastructure
 - Category 4: Technology



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Socorro ISD ESSER III Draft Plan-Category 1

- **Category 1** of SISD's ESSER III Draft Plan centers around **Accelerated Learning.**

It is required that expenditures in Category 1 must be equal to or greater than 20% of the total grant award for the address of learning loss.



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Socorro ISD ESSER III Draft Plan-Category 2

- **Category 2** of SISD's ESSER III Draft Plan centers around **Wrap-Around Services.**



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Socorro ISD ESSER III Draft Plan-Category 3

- **Category 3** of SISD's ESSER III Draft Plan centers around **Infrastructure**.



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Socorro ISD ESSER III Draft Plan-Category 4

- **Category 4** of SISD's ESSER III Draft Plan centers around **Technology**.



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Socorro ISD ESSER III Draft Plan Summary

- SISD's currently identified categories address many of the allowable activities identified in ESSER III statute and guidance.
- Activities within the four categories would begin to be undertaken as immediately as possible, with some being accomplished “on the front end” and others benefiting students over the three-year life of the funding. The longer implementation period would likely apply a bit more to accelerated learning opportunities and access to wrap-around services.



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THANK YOU!
QUESTIONS/COMMENTS



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