

Dugger Union Community Schools: Federal COVID-19 Relief Spending

Across Indiana, \$2.8 billion in federal funding has been allocated to local school districts to help address schools' COVID-19 related needs.

Here at Dugger Union Community Schools, we have been allocated \$950,473.00 from three rounds of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding – which is based on the district's share of the state's Title I allocation – and federal Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds.

Over the last two years, we have developed plans for how to strategically and sustainably deploy these funds to successfully accelerate student learning, support our educators to address student learning loss, acquire and update technology, and complete two phases of a heating and cooling renovation in the building.

Through our locally-developed plans, we are investing in –

- Technology and devices to support the one to one initiative.
- Curriculum implementation and supplies to support teachers in addressing learning loss and provide accelerated learning initiatives to effectively meet the comprehensive needs of the students.
- A three phase school upgrade to improve the indoor air quality in the building.

Looking ahead, we plan to complete the final phase of the school upgrade to improve the indoor air quality in the remainder of the building. Per federal law, we have through September 2022 to encumber the first round of ESSER funding and through September 2023 and September 2024, respectively, to encumber the second and third rounds of their ESSER grants.

Funds are available for all school districts through a reimbursement process for approved expenses in the spending plan.

For more information on Dugger Union Community School's federal COVID-19 relief funding, please contact Darin Simpson, Jr/Sr High Principal, or Stephanie Kinnett, Elementary Principal.