

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Local educational agencies (LEAs) that are eligible for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III funds are required to complete an assurance by June 25, 2021, fulfill the requirement for a Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan, adopt an ESSER III Expenditure Plan by October 29, 2021 and submit the plan for review and approval within five days of adoption. The plan must describe how the LEA will use its funds to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning in a way that reduces or prevents the spread of the COVID-19 virus and address the impact of the lost instructional time.

LEAs can use the funds toward eligible expenses back to March 13, 2020, when a national emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic was declared. The total apportionment for Hillsborough City School District is \$234,224, of which 20%, i.e., \$46,845 must be used to address learning loss. The federal funding period for ESSER III runs from March 24, 2021 through September 30, 2023. The State's current authority for the District is \$173,375, of which the District received \$17,338 in 2020-21. Funds are allocated based on Quarterly Expenditure Reports from the District. Total future authority is \$60,849. The District has up to September 30, 2024 to obligate the funds.

It is recommended the Board Adopt the ESSER III Expenditure Plan.