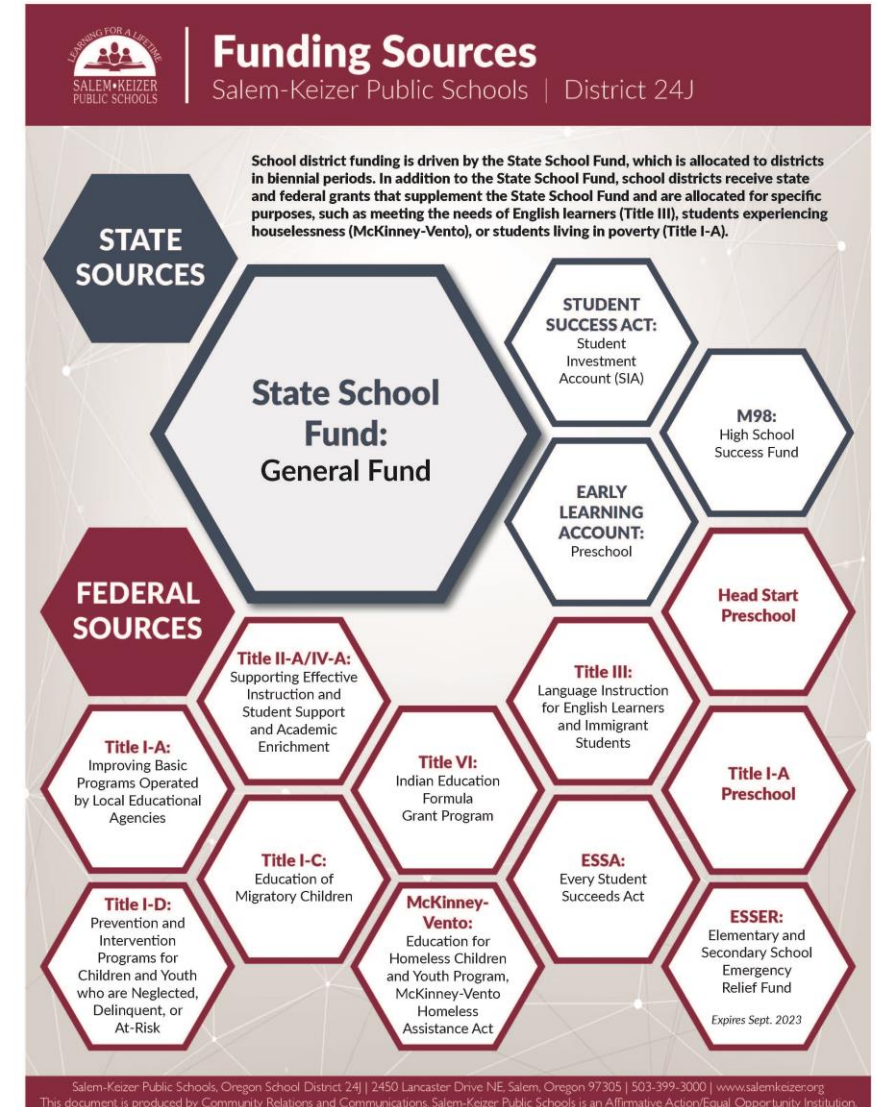


Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER)

July 13, 2021

State School Fund and Grants

- State School Fund (SSF) drives education
 - Supports all district- and school-related functions
 - Variability presents challenges
- Grants supplement SSF
 - Earmarked for specific student groups or purposes
- ESSER is unique among grants





ESSER – Three Federal Acts

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- **ESSER I:** Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES)
- **ESSER II:** Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA)
- **ESSER III:** American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Plan (ARP ESSER)



ESSER Timeline & Key Authorizations

March 13, 2020

ESSER I \$10m	September 30, 2021	9/30/2022
ESSER II \$41m	September 30, 2022	9/30/2023
ESSER III \$94m	September 30, 2023	9/30/2024

Key Authorized Expenditures

- Responses to COVID-19
- Learning Recovery and Supports
- Maintaining Continuity of Operations
- Capital Improvements



ESSER III Requirements

Assurances

- Minimum 20% allocation to unfinished learning
- Plans for safe return to in-person instruction
- Reporting
- Engagement



Community & Stakeholder Engagement

- **Reviewed SIA feedback and Panorama surveys**
- **Engaged directly** with SKEA, Native Education PAC, Migrant Education PAC, SKCE, adjudicated youth, students, Pacific Islander families
- **Themes**
 - Before- and after-school enrichment and support opportunities
 - Math, literacy, level transition, and graduation support
 - Authentic learning opportunities
 - Social-emotional and behavioral health supports
 - Hiring of diverse staff



Response to Unfinished Learning

- **Targeted class size reduction** in elementary and secondary schools
- **Transition supports** for current and rising grade 6 and grade 9 students
- **Additional social workers and classroom behavior support**
- **Support for seniors** who are at risk of not graduating
- **Additional support for new teachers**
- **Partner** with community-based organizations
- **Innovation opportunities** for schools and staff