

Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds

ESSER funds are federal funds designed to address the impact the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) had and continues to have on elementary and secondary schools across the country.

While some districts must use the federal funds simply to get students back to in-person learning, GCS is in a unique position to not only reopen schools to all students this fall, but to transform them.

In the end, GCS is expected to receive \$307,642,780 before the end of September 2025.

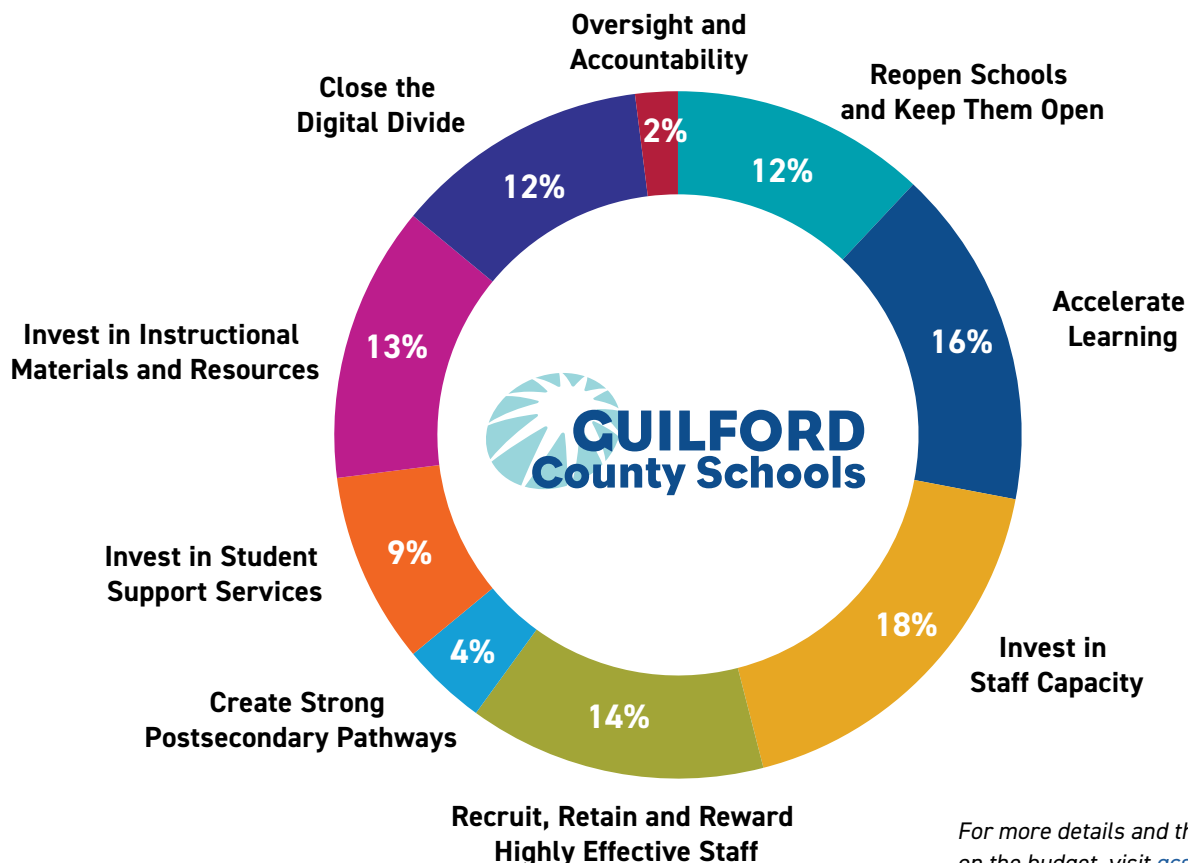
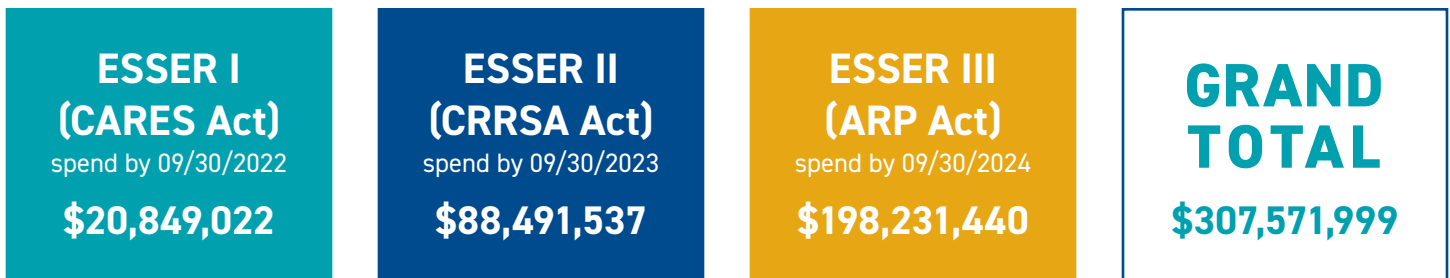
The learning loss from COVID-19 can be combated through the same strategies and improvements GCS hoped to make to improve learning for all before the pandemic.

Since the district already put in the work and created the plans, the resources will not only help make up for learning losses, but those same strategies will help make **impactful changes for the future** as well.

GCS plans to use these funds strategically, addressing gaps and loss in academic access and achievement from the pandemic, while also seizing the opportunity to reimagine public education to ensure students experience greater college and career success.

All investments will be strategic. GCS will focus these one-time funds on investments that are evidence-based to support effectiveness, and that will either be sustainable beyond the funding expiration or will have a defined life-cycle.

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