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Just wanted to send my opinion on where the federal covid funds can be spent. Thank you!

- Purchasing Sanitation Supplies
- Planning for Long-term Closures
- Technology Purchasing
- Mental Health Services - Community School

Kristin Strong

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- Mental Health- you can have planned activities, not just mental health professional access. These kids are depressed. Planned activities with transportation ? Quarterly?
  - Learning- more help with tutoring, scheduled visits for the students with tutors, for those parents who would like some help/support to help get their kids through school.
  - **Is there anyway to have “chat” with a teacher online to help with homework when a student is at home and can’t get taken to a tutor or who needs help and no parent to seek help from? It would be like an on call position “study hall online teacher”.**
  - How about classes in herbal medicine, nutrition, you could relate it to covid as so many overweight folks took it the hardest, and lost their lives from it. Help our kids to be healthy, fit and teach them that immune systems work best when we take care of our bodies. Teach them how to grow their own food, get a garden going so they learn, incorporate our soil needs, our weather, show them how to take care of themselves as so many have not been given the instruction.

Newly added: Now, if a student is at home in the evening, what they need, when parents can’t help or they won’t ask, is a teacher...a teacher on call from say, 4p-8p. Video call would be great. I bet it would be a successful venture if students and parents were told about this as a resource! I think more parents would also like tutors after school, however, it would be most helpful with service/transportation home, for those kids in primary/mid school and some in high school.

As long as we can tie it to Covid there is quite a bit of latitude.

I really like the student garden though for mental health and I know you, with such a beautiful backyard, know the value of planting, and seeing what your hands can do!!

Corey Minton

Mom to Hailey(11th)and Emma (9th)



Under no circumstances should Emmett Schools accept or spend ESSER III covid money. This money as you know comes with full strings attached. It leaves our children at the mercy of CDC "recommendations" which can change at any time and must be taken into consideration each 6 months when the school district plans are revised per ESSER III requirement.

Our children need a school district focused on keeping them in school where they can learn, develop, and play freely. It is obvious the CDC and the federal government do not care about childhood education, development, and socialization. Despite the alleged purpose of this money (which was simply stolen from the American people to begin with), in truth it is nothing but bribery to introduce more federal control. The CDC has no business telling our school administrators how to run our schools.

Please, I beg you to reject this tainted money. School policies should remain under control of local administration and parents, without risk of undue and harmful influence from unelected federal bureaucrats who have demonstrated agendas that are harmful to childhood development.

Respectfully,  
Brandon Butler  
Parent of a 3rd grader at Carberry Elementary

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My family would like to see the COVID funds be used in this order;

- Repairs
- Technology purchases
- Mental health services

**JacQuie Madariaga**

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Spending categories 12-14:

The elementary school kids' mental health, academic performance, and behavior could really benefit from a visual arts program. They're the only age group that doesn't have a visual arts class and they're at the age when they would benefit the most from it in the long term. There is so much research that has shown that kids with access to visual arts excel in other academic and social areas at a higher rate compared to kids with little or no access. Thank goodness they have music, but different parts of the brain are activated when participating in different art forms. Some students that aren't musically inclined could benefit more from a visual arts class. I'm attaching a link to an article about the benefits of the arts in education. It's one of many that can be found online:

<https://www.publicschoolreview.com/amp/blog/how-the-arts-benefit-your-children-academically-and-behaviorally>

Category 15 & 16:

Air conditioning at the middle school. The first couple months of school would definitely be made a lot more comfortable and conducive to learning if it wasn't so hot in the classrooms.

I've also heard from my kids that the bathrooms at the junior high are pretty disgusting and the space is inadequate. A bathroom remodel with more space, added stalls, more sanitary surfaces and better



ventilation/drainage system in the floors and new soap and hand sanitizer dispensers by the doors would be great.

From Amanda Reisinger

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Hi! I won't be able to attend the meeting tomorrow due to prior commitments with my kids. I don't know what has been or will be discussed in terms of the ESSER fund spending. I don't know what the district's list of priorities includes. However, I wanted to offer one suggestion.

I would love to see the restrooms at the middle school and high school fixed and updated. I believe such repairs and upgrades would be appropriately Covid-related since restrooms are major areas that need maintenance and proper sanitation. At the middle school, it feels like you're traveling back in time fifty years when you enter the restrooms. Many of the stalls do not latch and the condition and age of the facilities make them embarrassing and not ideal in terms of cleanliness. At the high school, the restroom conditions are much the same, with counters chipped, dilapidated stalls, etc.

I have specifically noticed the restrooms in the gym dome. These are the restrooms that visitors to our schools use when coming for sporting events. I feel embarrassed at their condition. When I took my daughter into the ladies' restroom, most of the stalls did not latch, and we had to try multiple ones before finding one usable. My 5-year-old daughter remarked on how much in the restroom was broken. If there is enough money, I'd also love to see the outdoor restrooms at the football field upgraded as well--for the same reasons.

I know there are probably many good ideas of how to use the money, but this one is simple and takes care of basic needs. I think providing our students, staff, and guests with adequate restroom facilities would be a good use of the money.

Thank you,  
Amanda Weers

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#14 Students at Risk to get modulars in place at Carberry for Elementary AIMES type PBI program rooms so that students can get individual support they need and help the other students in classes get better support with At-Risk students in a safe place?

Gregory Alexander

**\$4.5 million - %20 percent has be used for learning loss.**

**Craig, you teach another class -**

**35 percent/ 35 percent and 30 percent**

**Indirect costs - 17 percent - administrative costs**

**serving table cost - actual \$15,969.00 Plus some Dividers at Approximately \$1,000**

**Bus routing Software - first year more expensive and last two years, cheaper because it's already for discretionary**

**won't be dollar for dollar until we get into the budget piece.**

**where are kind of looking –**

**Red sections we will adopt**



	Lee Pesky focused on writing K-3 for three years/
	Large team with professional learning communities
	administrators to conference in June
	every

more focus on mental health - part of restrooms can use ESSER funds, play the shell game - water heaters/for washing hands, touchless systems, anti bacterial systems, filter/maintenance / if you want me to bring it back to the board and say it is a priority, we can do that.

Man with blue hat - tankless water heater - be proactive and eplace water heater , maintenance department actually does that regular maintenance.

Craig: My goal is to put one-time money into expenses ...

Hoobery - asked about insurance break - gps units.

other ideas - talking more about the mental health piece, Mr. Hale, outside counselor, community school, Mental health dollars can be used for more advanced training for counselors onsite. audit - federal fund - every 4 years, state will audit, deny it even after purchased.

more flexibility in ESSER 1 than ESSER III funds.

Mo - on the last bond - you had earmarked renovations at butte view - can any of those funds be applied to the door hardware, touchless nice to do all the renovation

GPS unit - will get a reimbursement for the bus equipment in 1.5 years.

Comments received before the January 31, 2022, COVID community meeting:

Other Ideas:

MoBar - Maintenance for filters systems, they are on a schedule, earmark \$\$

Mo - several years ago - 2018 bond projects -

High school projects - upgrades, it depends on = counter tops and finish

craig - might use the money shifted in curriculum (EL)

Terry asked - how do you measure success? has to be researched based - already proven that it does show success.

Greg - Mental Health - issues with particular issue/referrals may go down if we implement something.



Do you know me? Can you hear me? Do I matter?

Craig - 4 students lost to suicide - tried to keep students in school. for some families we are the constant they have. the contact training administration had to do ...

over half of stuff that we deal with ...has something to do with social media

Greg - have kids at 5th grade level, who ponder suicide

Hoobery \_ Mental Health six families for cooking school programs,

50 percent of our students who compete in athletics or something. AB students - what is the purpose of homework. trying to shift that culture.

Hoobery - learninag a skill that connects with parents

Carberry - 3rd session of 4 week periods - switch with painting, coding, science, chess, community school grant. '

short-term sign up program - train up the next community school

Jones: my part of the community - need to teach the reading, writing math - but I'm sensing that they need more.

Greg: students need to know that we care about the kids - do I trust the teacher.

a lot of negotiations. missed some of that family dynamics -

a lot of needs our students have - work on behavior stuff - if parents more involved then students are ready to learn in school.

Del Gray - government classes at the HS - 7 classes - vision of what they see for what's needed.

feelings ey expressed that they don't feel part of the community, that surprised me a lot. They said they felt the community doesn't interested in supporting education and activities

the only thing to do in Emmett is bowling, phone and drugs.

they said they have to go over the hill for other activities.

173 survey responses ....

highest priorities:, jobs, education, active greenspace

without facilities, we have no programs

Craig: will have a better idea once we get to spring - with the Legislature

- hardware
- insurance for bus
- short time personnel to help with mental health
- shifting some projects that could be covered under ESSER

fyi - purchasing new video system to the buses.

Blue Hat man questions: - Evacuation plans, active shooter,

government grants lists, high plans. crisis plan, city/county police/practice for staff/students/approved each year. hardening certain structures, windows, cameras,

Middle school, sweet, high school,

locked inside the second set of doors. buzzed in . it won't stop somebody, but may deter,

vape detectors - pilot programs with all the secondary school bathrooms.

do they also detect smoking -