



Whiteside Area CAREER CENTER

Take the Advantage

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ESSER III Funds

Under the **American Rescue Plan (ARP)**, which became law in March 2021, school districts around the country will receive funding to address the impact of COVID-19 on students' academic, social, emotional and mental health needs. This funding is known as "ESSER III."

"ESSER" is short for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief. ESSER III receives its numerical designation from the fact that the ARP ESSER Fund is the third set of COVID-related federal relief grants for schools that Congress has passed since the pandemic began.

ESSER I and **ESSER II** were established respectively by the **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act** in March 2020 and the **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act** in December 2020.

How Much Money Will ESSER III Provide?

ESSER III will provide **nearly \$122 billion** to state educational agencies and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation's students.

The Whiteside Area Career Center is expected to receive **\$83,690** in ESSER III funds.

How Will WACC Use Its ESSER III Funds?

As presented to the **WACC Board of Education** on September 21, 2021, the District plans to use its ESSER III grant money in four major areas:

- Academic Supports
 - WACC will run a summer camp for middle school aged students from all 16 member districts that will see a plethora of programs offered within the building. Funds will be used on supplies and materials and salaries for staff.
- Health and Safety
 - WACC will use funds to replace an antiquated boiler system on the East side of the building with new HVAC systems providing air conditioning and clean air to the rooms.

For details about WACC's plan for using its ESSER III funds and for returning safely to full in-person instruction, please visit the website below:

<https://wacc.cc/public-documents.html>