

2021-2022 Seymour Community School ESSER III Plan

The federal government has distributed funds through the COVID Relief Act to all schools in the country. The amount of money a school receives is set by the poverty rate of all 5 to 17 year olds that live in your district. Seymour's poverty rate is 40% for that population group. We are receiving about two million dollars that must be spent in 3 years. This money must be spent in ways to combat COVID infection or to deal with situations that arise from interruptions caused by COVID. The Seymour Community School is taking advantage of these funds and it has greatly helped improve our school. Here is a list of what the Seymour School board has approved to date:

The Seymour Community School District Board of Directors has been discussing ESSER III Funding and how to use the funding to meet the needs of the Seymour Community School District. The district also included these discussions with the community at their CSIAC meetings. This plan outlines the priorities for the Seymour Community School District Board of Directors. The Seymour Community School District Board of Directors is aware that this plan may need to be updated as we work through the COVID-19 pandemic. Listed below is the current list of priorities for Seymour Community School District:

- Increase Technology
- Increase Building Security
- Increase Sanitation Supplies/Equipment
- Maintain Certified Staff
- Increase Social Worker Availability
- Offer Extended Summer School Program
- Offer Credit Recovery Program
- Provide Non-Certified Staff with Social/Emotional Learning
- Implement New Curriculum
- Provide Professional Development for Staff
- Improve Air Quality
- Improve/Add HVAC Systems
- Increase Transportation Opportunities

Some of the larger funds that the board approved along with the Department of Education are:

Plasma Cutter. This is a device that cuts sheet metal into whatever a student has designed on their computer. This is a great skill to learn for potential future employment.

Shop Roof. The roof on the industrial technology building has been replaced.

Heating and cooling system in the shop. The industrial technology building will be getting a new heating and cooling system.

New shop equipment. The industrial technology program will be updating their power equipment with new and safer equipment.

Vacuum system for shop. The industrial technology building will add a vacuum system that will be connected to all power equipment. This will help filter out dust in the building.

Playground. Several new playground pieces have been ordered to increase the size of the playground. Most had been blown away by the tornado. A new fence and rubberized padding will be added for safety.

Buses. Two new 77 passenger buses have been purchased. Both are air conditioned with seat belts. Students will be required to wear seat belts at all times while riding the buses.

Suburban. Two new suburbs have been purchased to help transport students when numbers are not required to use buses. They will be used to transport summer school students.

Interactive Learning Center. We are turning a classroom into an interactive learning center with the latest state of the art technology. We will be allowed to teach classes out and also receive classes from other sources in this room. We hope to have this room available to the community as needed.

Gym Projection System. We are adding an eighteen foot video screen that will roll down on the stage to project video from the new projector. This will be used for large assemblies and congregations. We hope the community will take advantage of this.

Faucet Replacement. All restroom faucets will be replaced with touch less ones to help cut down on hand contact.

Cleaning Supplies. We have purchased many different types of cleaning supplies since the beginning of COVID. We have also been able to purchase filters for our heating and cooling system.

Curriculum Up Date. With the COVID money we will be updating our entire outdated curriculum. All new curriculum will have the ability to teach online if the need arises.

Summer School and remedial catch up. The school has spent a lot of energy and funds in helping students get caught up from the time they were away from one on one instruction. This has been done by improving summer school and by providing more one on one help for those students who have fallen behind.

Technology. The school has used this COVID money to replace and update many computers. Seymour is far ahead of most schools in the state of Iowa when it comes to the technology provided to our students. We are a one on one computer school where each of our students have a computer. We are also pushing internet service out to the parking lot area so students can use it during non school hours. A new server is being placed so all the data can be backed up on a safe platform. A new and improved school WEBSITE will be up and running for the 2021-22 school year.

Teacher Salaries. We will be able to use COVID money to pay several of our teaching staff's salaries including the addition of a new staff that will be responsible for helping students who are falling behind. This will help the general fund.

We are fortunate to be receiving these funds. They are being used to improve the Seymour Community School in ways we could not have done without them. Make sure to thank all the school board members for making tough decisions that will help our students and school. Together we can all make this the best small school in the state of Iowa.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Superintendent Mr. Breon at the school.