ESSER III Stakeholder Input Survey

Results and Analysis

May 20 - June 3, 2021
Overview of the Research Study

The purpose of the Katy Independent School District Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Funds Survey was to gather feedback from District stakeholders on how the District can best use the ESSER III funds.

The survey was open from May 20 to June 3, 2021. Email invitations with unique survey links were sent to parents and employees of Katy ISD. Reminders were sent to non-participants on May 26 and June 1.

This report summarizes district-level survey results.

This report includes the thematic analysis of the open-ended survey question: Please share with us any additional feedback you may have on how Katy ISD can effectively use ESSER III funds to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students.

Responses from the open-ended question were closely analyzed and coded to identify similarities and dissimilarities within the data. Pattern coding was then utilized to identify and categorize similarly coded data to develop the major themes.

Survey results do not reflect random sampling; therefore, they should not be generalized to all Katy ISD stakeholders. Rather, results reflect only the perceptions and opinions of participating students.

Findings for each item in the report exclude participants who did not answer. Data labels less than 5 percent are not shown in charts and graphs. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.
## Participation

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<th>Responding Group</th>
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<td>Katy ISD Stakeholders</td>
<td>107,307</td>
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Relationship to Katy ISD

Which of the following best describes your relationship to Katy ISD? (N=13,179)

- Parent of a Current Katy ISD student: 66%
- Current Employee of Katy ISD: 20%
- Parent of a Current Katy ISD Student and Current Employee of Katy ISD: 13%
- Current Katy ISD Student: 1%
Position in Katy ISD

Which of the following best describes your position in Katy ISD? (N=4,354)

- Teacher: 58%
- District-level Administrator: 2%
- District-level Support Staff: 10%
- School-level Administrator: 5%
- School-level Support Staff: 24%

Note: Only current employees of Katy ISD answered this question.
Student Groups (Employees)

Do you represent and/or work with any of the following student groups? (N=4,354)

- English Language Learners: 65%
- Migrant Students: 23%
- Students Experiencing Homelessness: 35%
- Students in Foster Care: 27%
- Students with Disabilities: 65%
- I do not represent and/or work with any of the above student groups: 21%

Note: Only current employees of Katy ISD answered this question. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.
Which of the following best describes your position in Katy ISD? (N=4,354)

- English Language Learners: 12%
- Migrant Students: 2%
- Students Experiencing Homelessness: 1%
- Students in Foster Care: 0%
- Students with Disabilities: 15%
- My child(ren) is/are not involved with any of the above student groups: 74%

Note: Only parents of a current Katy ISD student answered this question. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.
Allowable Activities through ESSER III Funding

Below is a list of allowable activities through ESSER III funding, please select up to three activities on which you believe the District should focus. (N=13,179)

- Addressing learning loss among students 41%
- Implementing activities to support well-rounded education, safe and healthy students, and the effective use of technology 35%
- Implementing activities to address the unique needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth 34%
- Implementing activities to support career and technical education programs 30%
- Providing mental health services and supports 30%
- Improving school facilities to reduce risk of virus transmission and improve the indoor air quality in schools 25%

Note: Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.
Allowable Activities through ESSER III Funding (Continued)

Below is a list of allowable activities through ESSER III funding, please select up to three activities on which you believe the District should focus. (N=13,179)

- Purchasing educational technology for students that aids in interaction between students and instructors: 21%
- Implementing other activities that are necessary to maintain the continuity of services and continue to employ existing staff: 18%
- Developing strategies and implementing public health protocols for the reopening and operation of school facilities: 17%
- Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and afterschool programs: 14%
- Providing professional development opportunities: 11%
- Training for staff on sanitation and supplies to minimize the spread of infectious diseases: 5%
- Improving response efforts to prepare for coronavirus: 4%

Note: Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.
From the list below, please select up to three strategies that you believe would be most effective in addressing learning loss. (N=13,179)

- Additional academic intervention staff: 48%
- Before/after school tutorials: 37%
- Professional development to address individual student needs: 37%
- Instructional resources: 32%
- Summer enrichment opportunities: 30%
- Behavioral intervention staff: 23%
- College and career counseling: 22%
- Software and devices: 21%
- Intervention resources: 19%
- Special Education compensatory services: 15%

Note: Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.
Please share with us any additional feedback you may have on how Katy ISD can effectively use ESSER III funding to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students. (N=2,049)

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<td>Participants said they would like ESSER III funds to be used to help Katy ISD become a 1:1 district where every student has his/her own Chromebook.</td>
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<td>Additional comments included using ESSER III funding for better food programs; more afterschool programs; more summer programs; continued cleaning/sanitation; and onsite COVID-19 testing and vaccines.</td>
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