



Board Bulletin

April 14, 2023

Public Schools – COVID Relief Funding

School Systems across North Carolina received three (3) primary Federal grant funding streams known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER I, II & III) during the COVID pandemic.

ESSER I was associated with the CARES Act, ESSER II with the CRRSA and ESSER III with the American Rescue Plan (ARP). In total, Stanly County Schools has received \$31.055 million. \$15.59 million is associated with ESSER III. 20% of ESSER III (\$3.11 million) must be utilized to address learning loss.

As of February 28, 2023 Stanly County Schools had spent \$21.241 million. Their current unspent balance of these funds as of 2/28/2023 was \$9.814 million (31.6%).

Below please find a breakdown of what percentage of the ESSER I, II & III funds Stanly County had remaining compared to other counties in the region as of February 28, 2023.

Jurisdiction	% of ESSER Funds Remaining
Anson	45.4%
Montgomery	38.6%
Mecklenburg	35.9%
Stanly	31.6%
Union	22.1%
Cabarrus	21.7%
Davidson	15.6%

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Regular Board Meeting	Monday, April 17 6:00 PM Gene McIntyre Meeting Room
Joint Meeting w/School Board	Wednesday, May 10 4:00 PM Gene McIntyre Meeting Room
Regular Board Meeting	Monday, May 15 6:00 PM Gene McIntyre Meeting Room

Motor Vehicle Valuation Trending Ahead of Target

The valuation of motor vehicles for property tax purposes continues to trend ahead of the \$700 million target for FY 22-23.

After nine (9) months the motor vehicle valuation is \$590.815 million which is an average of \$65.65 million monthly. This is an increase of \$65.8 million (13%) from the same time period last fiscal year.

If the current trend continues, then motor vehicle valuation could exceed \$785 million and generate \$516,000 more than budgeted for motor vehicle property tax collection in FY 22-23.

Staff will continue to monitor this revenue stream on a monthly basis.

Library Utilization Continues to Improve

Utilization of the County’s various library facilities and programs declined steadily when the COVID pandemic initially started in April 2020, and the trend continued into fiscal year 2020-2021.

However, utilization over the past two (2) fiscal years has demonstrated consistent improvement. Although still short of the 96,645 visits & virtual visits experienced during the same time period in FY 19-20, the current trend is positive.

Hopefully, the latest utilization trends will continue this summer and into the fall when children return to school.

	FY 20-21 (July - Mar)	FY 21-22 (July - Mar)	FY 22-23 (July - Mar)
Utilization (visits & virtual visits)	62,665	68,290	78,464
Avg. Cost Per Visit	\$15.65	\$15.21	\$13.73