



SAGE INTERNATIONAL
NETWORK OF SCHOOLS

ESSER Use of Funds Strategy

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Sage International and Forge International schools engage students within an inclusive IB learning community, challenging all members to take risks and contribute locally and globally through open-minded inquiry



Our two schools are receiving Federal Covid emergency funding, known as ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds.

The following is a summary of our philosophy and strategy for determining the best use of these funds.

ESSER Funds Per School

Type of Fund	Forge International	Sage International
ESSER II , aka CRRSA (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations)	\$ 171,659	\$ 470,459
ESSER III , aka ARP (American Rescue Plan)	\$ 387,836	\$ 977,835

Evidence Based Strategies to Combat the Impact of the Covid 19 Pandemic on Students While Safely Returning to In-person Learning

We believe, and evidence suggests, that in-person learning is best for children

Learning Loss

Tutoring during the school day is $\frac{2}{3}$ more effective than extending learning time outside the school day / year.

Targeted Intensive Tutoring:

Intervention with individual students and / or small groups using skill-building curriculum.

Social Emotional

Loss of Engagement & Anxiety

Build strong relationships:

Nurture relationships between students, teachers and families through interventions, school-based mentoring, culture building and after-school and outdoor programming.

Health & Wellness

Covid 19 Mitigation: Invest in improved filtration systems, spacious group settings, increased outdoor access and school & personal protection.

Overall Health: assess and improve the overall state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, essential components of student achievement.

Overall *Philosophy*: Who & Why

Learning Loss

Targeted Intensive Tutoring: in school programming

Forge: FY22 Response to Intervention (RTI) staffing & Paraprofessional aids

Sage: Add'l RTI staffing, Education Asst staffing, Everest building add'l classrooms & media center redesign, HS extension of classrooms to common space



Social Emotional



Build Strong relationships

Forge: Dean of Students, Dedicated Psychologist

Sage: Dedicated Psychologist, sensory room, building flip & media center redesign, HS social lounge finishes to build connections, [new for FY23: Dean of Students](#)

Overall *Philosophy*: Who & Why, cont.



Enrichment

Build Strong relationships

Forge: asphalted basketball court, technology upkeep, continue to establish outdoor programming

Sage: restore outdoor programming, technology upkeep

Health & Wellness

Covid mitigation & overall health and well-being

Forge: HVAC & filter maintenance, mitigation supplies, outdoor expansion, partial nurse salary, hearing & vision equipment,

Sage: HVAC replacement & filter maintenance, mitigation supplies, partial nurse salary, hearing & vision equipment



Overall *Strategy*: How & When

Timing

Affordability, reasonableness & forward thinking

Consider differentiation due to life of schools

Spread out expenditures when possible



Yearly Estimation of Funding Use Spread

Forge **\$559,495**

FY22: 384,008

FY23: 175,487

Sage **\$1,448,294**

FY22: 718,976

FY23: 729,318