



Section 98c Learning Loss Grant- Plan of Use

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) opened an application for Romeo Community Schools to apply for Section 98c funds to address learning loss. These funds were made available through Public Act (PA) 144 of 2022 (MCL 388.1698c), which was signed into law on July 14, 2022, by Governor Gretchen Whitmer. Section 98c appropriates \$52,056,000 in federal funding to address learning loss as part of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund and part of the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II Fund.

Funds are meant to address learning loss among students of the LEA, including but not limited to, low-income students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care.

Section 98c funding will be distributed to each LEA in an equal amount by per pupil in membership.

Now that funds have been allocated, we narrowed down our plan of use. We plan to spend the 98c Learning Loss grant funds on the below items, which includes salary/benefits costs to help address learning loss.

- Purchase of intervention materials for classroom use for Math and English Learners.
- Extend paraprofessional hours to work with students during the school day. Many of our paraprofessionals were not working full days and with these funds we will be able to add hours to each day. The paraprofessionals work under a teacher and support small group instruction with students who need additional support.
- Support the Little Inventors lessons that are project-based for all 4th grade students in the district.

We will measure our success and impact on student achievement by reviewing the number of students who were seen by the paraprofessionals and the student's growth on the Spring NWEA assessment.

The October Board agenda and presentation fulfills one requirement for accessing the grant and explains Romeo's planned use of funds. The plan will be posted on our website for our community to see. The plan will be updated in the future, if necessary

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