



RE: SCPSS Response to Stakeholder Inquires

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Responses are provided based on information requested during the public comment portion of the February 2, 2022, Board Meeting.

QUESTION:	SCCPSS RESPONSE:
<p>1. How does last month's approval of \$5,450,868 in bonuses, paid from ESSER II funds, impact the Academic Affairs budget?</p>	<p>The \$5.4 million represents state monies from the Governor's bonus incentive plan for educators. This resource is separate from the functional budget of the Academic Affairs Division and has no bearing on funding needs associated with this division. Money was recorded by action of the board as part of the District's procedural requirements related to financial matters.</p>
<p>2. Are we to assume the net spent on the above mentioned Critical Post-Covid remediation programs is a mere \$9.6MM to address the needs of over 36,000 students during 2 school years?</p>	<p>No. More than \$15million has been budgeted in CARES funding for remediation efforts. This does not include certain instructional and technology resources that have also been purchased to support student learning as a strategy to overcome learning loss from the pandemic.</p>
<p>3. How will this minute sum of funds will repair the mental, physical, and spiritual damage our children endured prior, during and after the pandemic?</p>	<p>SCCPSS, like many Districts across the nation, is concerned with the turmoil associated with the pandemic and its resulting negative impact on our students. The well-being of all students remains a key strategic priority and federal COVID resources, including those from the American Rescue Plan, are being considered to bolster our approaches to support health and wellness.</p>