



# Facilities and Transportation Update on Use of ESSER Funds

Joint Education Committee



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The Arkansas Department of Education is transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education.



# MISSION

The Arkansas Department of Education provides leadership, support, and service to schools, districts, and communities so every student graduates prepared for college, career, and community engagement.



# ESSER/ARP Funds

- i. CARES (ESSER 1)-Relief
- ii. Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (ESSER II)-Recovery
- iii. American Recovery Plan (ARP ESSER)-Sustain and Maximize Opportunities for in-person learning



# ESSER/ARP Funds

- Must Prevent, Prepare for, Respond to COVID-19
- Must be Reasonable
- Must be Necessary
- Must be Allowable

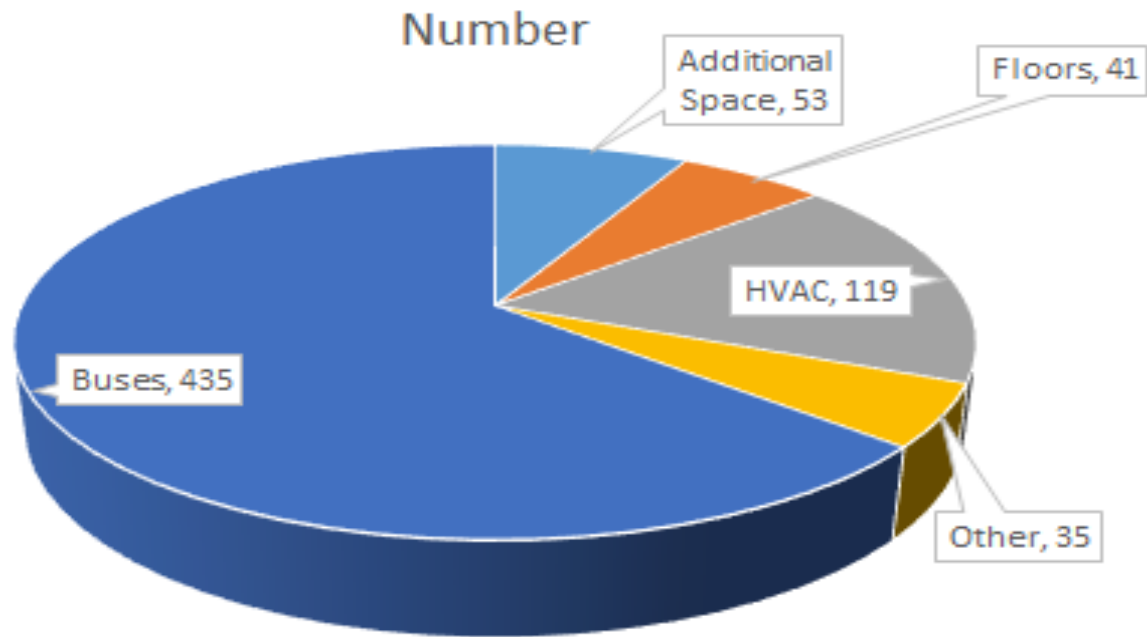


# ESSER Facility Projects and Bus Purchases

- All facility projects and bus purchases must receive prior approval per federal requirements.
  1. Prior approval applications are submitted for review by the division.
  2. The division reviews for compliance with the 4 following requirements:
    - a. *How is it related to COVID?*
    - b. *How is it necessary?*
    - c. *Is the cost reasonable?*
    - d. *Is it allowable?*
- Two goals: Future audit compliance and timely review.
- As of 8/25/2021 Prior approval completed for:
  - 248 facility projects at an estimated cost of \$92,071,986.86.
  - 435 bus purchases at an estimated cost of \$46,647,185.63.



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