

## Fraser Public Schools 98c Learning Loss Grant - Plan of Use May 2023

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) opened an application for Fraser Public 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 include curriculum and licenses to address learning loss in reading and math due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

- Words Their Way - a supplementary word study program intended to address learning loss and literacy deficits at the elementary level.
- Khan Academy licenses - an supplementary online learning program intended to address learning loss in the area of math at the middle school level.
- Interactive Read Aloud materials - teachers manuals and mentor texts intended to provide a common, clear, and viable curriculum to address learning loss in literacy at the elementary level.
- Literacy Libraries/Guided Reading materials - Groups of books at a variety of levels across the continuum to address targeted small group reading instruction to address learning loss at the elementary level.

The October Board agenda and presentation fulfills one requirement for accessing the grant and explains Fraser's planned use of funds. The plan will be posted on our website for our community to see. We will continue to monitor benchmark and test scores to determine the effectiveness of these curriculum materials and initiatives and will update the plan if necessary.