

98C - Learning Loss Plan

Lawton Community Schools

Section 98c appropriates 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.

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During the 2021-22 academic year the Lawton Community Schools Board of Education was simultaneously exploring building capacity at the Elementary and Middle School and student achievement levels and the academic impact of the pandemic.

On May 2nd, 2022 at a Special Meeting of the Board of Education we explored the academic achievement of the elementary grades. The student achievement data that was explored identified areas of concern in our intensive and strategic categories.

Finalized at the Board of Education meeting on May 16th, 2022, the Lawton Board of Education made the decision to respond to the learning loss impacting our youngest learners. It was decided to make a significant investment to change the trajectory of our growth and improvement as we recover educationally from the pandemic by adding four teachers / sections (1) Kindergarten, (1) 1st Grade, (1) 2nd Grade, and (1) 3rd Grade making four sections for each grade level K-4. This was with the intention of allowing for more one-on-one and small group instruction based on student needs and utilizing our recent Orton-Gillingham training, as well as increased intervention opportunities designed to improve student achievement. We believe this plan will allow for improvement for our youngest and most vulnerable learners in the early literacy grades that have been most impacted by the pandemic.

Appropriations from the 98C funding will assist in the additional expenses incurred through our increase in staffing of our plan.