

District Profile: ESSER and the coming fiscal cliff | Bridgeport Public Schools, CT

This is the last full school year to spend ESSER funds. **The district has only this school year to ensure these remaining funds deliver value for students while also planning for operating without this money (aka preparing for the “cliff”).**



ESSER funding for this district

This district received: \$154,117,421 (\$7,970 per student)
Currently the district has

\$62,767,538 remaining
(\$3,246 per pupil)

Even where districts have already obligated these remaining funds, leaders must ensure that the dollars bring value for students during the coming year.

There is still work to do to get this district’s students back to pre-pandemic levels

This district’s scores are still lower than they were in 2019.

31 weeks BEHIND in MATH

24 weeks BEHIND in READING

1 School Year 1/2 School Year Pre-pandemic

How big is the ESSER cliff for this district?

As ESSER spending ends, the impact as a portion of annual expenditures

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equates to a

19%
fiscal cliff

This means leaders will need to reduce spending by 19% for the 2024-25 school year.

Per the district an estimated

114 FTE positions are at risk

Staffing and enrollment trends in this district

Cumulative % change since 2013-14

staffing 0%
enrollment -8%

School Year	Staffing (Employees)	Enrollment (Students)
13-14	2,864	20,929
14-15	~3,500	~21,000
15-16	~10,000	~21,000
16-17	~4,500	~21,000
17-18	~4,800	~20,500
18-19	~3,500	~19,500
19-20	~1,500	~18,500
20-21	~1,000	~17,500
21-22	~1,500	~17,000
22-23	2,865	19,337

Looking ahead

- ✓ Intense academic acceleration is needed.
- ✓ Given the enrollment drops (8%), this district may need to right-size its operations as part of addressing its budget gaps.
- ✓ This district has spent its ESSER more slowly than peers (unless the district has fallen behind in filing reimbursements). With much unspent, the district has work to do this school year to invest remaining dollars well while planning for those investments to end.

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District Profile: ESSER and the coming fiscal cliff | **New Haven Public Schools, CT**

This is the last full school year to spend ESSER funds. **The district has only this school year to ensure these remaining funds deliver value for students while also planning for operating without this money (aka preparing for the “cliff”).**



ESSER funding for this district

This district received: \$124,128,026 (\$6,482 per student)

Currently the district has

\$51,235,867 remaining
(\$2,676 per pupil)

Even where districts have already obligated these remaining funds, leaders must ensure that the dollars bring value for students during the coming year.

There is still work to do to get this district’s students back to pre-pandemic levels

How big is the ESSER cliff for this district?

As ESSER spending ends, the impact as a portion of annual expenditures

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equates to a

12%
fiscal cliff

This means leaders will need to reduce spending by 12% for the 2024-25 school year.

Addressing this cliff means an estimated

190 FTE positions are at risk

Staffing and enrollment trends in this district

Cumulative % change since 2013-14

staffing -30%
enrollment -11%

School Year	Enrollment (Students)	Staffing (Employees)
13-14	21,420	4,054
14-15	-	-
15-16	-	-
16-17	-	-
17-18	-	-
18-19	-	-
19-20	-	-
20-21	-	-
21-22	-	-
22-23	19,150	2,839

Looking ahead

- ✓ Intense academic acceleration is desperately needed. New Haven students are more than 3 years behind the national average in math, among the lowest in the country.
- ✓ This district has experienced sustained enrollment declines. The district will need to forecast its enrollment (revenues) against existing commitments (including multi-year labor contracts) to ensure financial sustainability.
- ✓ With substantial ESSER remaining, the district has work to do this school year to invest remaining dollars to deliver real improvement for students.

District Profile: ESSER and the coming fiscal cliff | Hartford School District, CT

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ESSER funding for this district

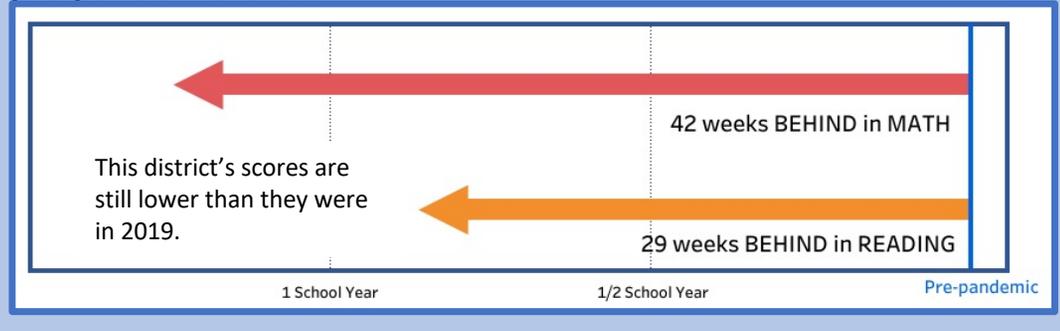
This district received: \$152,771,970 (\$9,108 per student)

Currently the district has

\$79,752,385 remaining
(\$4,755 per pupil)

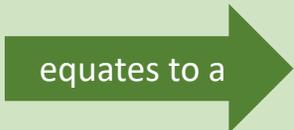
Even where districts have already obligated these remaining funds, leaders must ensure that the dollars bring value for students during the coming year.

There is still work to do to get this district’s students back to pre-pandemic levels



How big is the ESSER cliff for this district?

As ESSER spending ends, the impact as a portion of annual expenditures



13%
fiscal cliff

This means leaders will need to reduce spending by 13% for the 2024-25 school year.

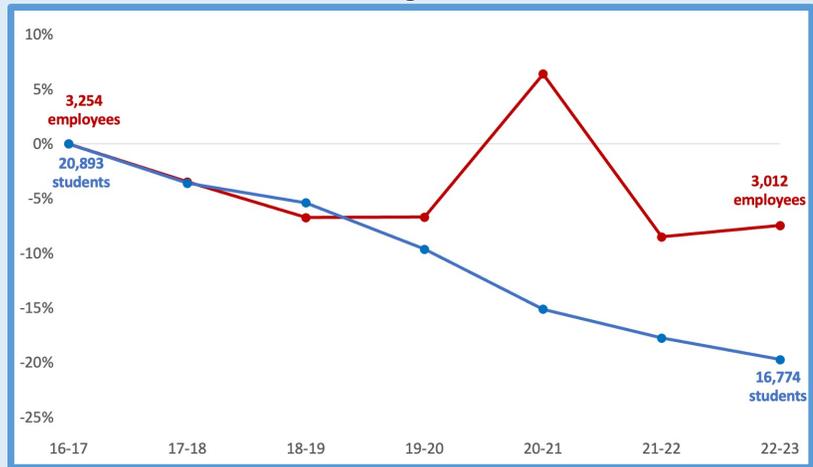
Addressing this cliff means an estimated

200-350 FTE positions are at risk

Staffing and enrollment trends in this district

staffing -7%
enrollment -20%

Cumulative % change since 2016-17



Looking ahead

- ✓ There is still much work to do to get students back on track academically.
- ✓ This district has experienced dramatic enrollment declines over the last 5 years.
- ✓ Given the enrollment drops (20%), this district may need to right-size its operations as part of addressing its budget gaps.
- ✓ It appears this district has spent its ESSER more slowly than peers (unless the district has fallen behind in filing reimbursements). With so much unspent, the district has more work to do during this school year to invest remaining dollars well while planning for those investments to end.

District Profile: ESSER and the coming fiscal cliff | Manchester Public Schools, CT

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ESSER funding for this district

This district received: \$23,909,388 (\$3,861 per student)

Currently the district has

\$5,266,828 remaining
(\$851 per pupil)

Even where districts have already obligated these remaining funds, leaders must ensure that the dollars bring value for students during the coming year.

There is still work to do to get this district’s students back to pre-pandemic levels

How big is the ESSER cliff for this district?

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equates to a

4%
fiscal cliff

This means leaders will need to reduce spending by 4% for the 2024-25 school year.

Per the district an estimated

30 FTE positions are at risk

Staffing and enrollment trends in this district

Cumulative % change since 2017-18

staffing +14%
enrollment -1%

Looking ahead

- ✓ Intense academic acceleration is needed, especially in math.
- ✓ While this district has not sustained the level of enrollment decline of its peers, it will need to forecast its new revenues against existing commitments (including multi-year labor contracts) to ensure financial sustainability.
- ✓ This district has spent its ESSER more slowly than peers (unless the district has fallen behind in filing reimbursements). With much unspent, the district has work to do this school year to invest remaining dollars well while planning for those investments to end.

District Profile: ESSER and the coming fiscal cliff | Danbury Public Schools, CT

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ESSER funding for this district

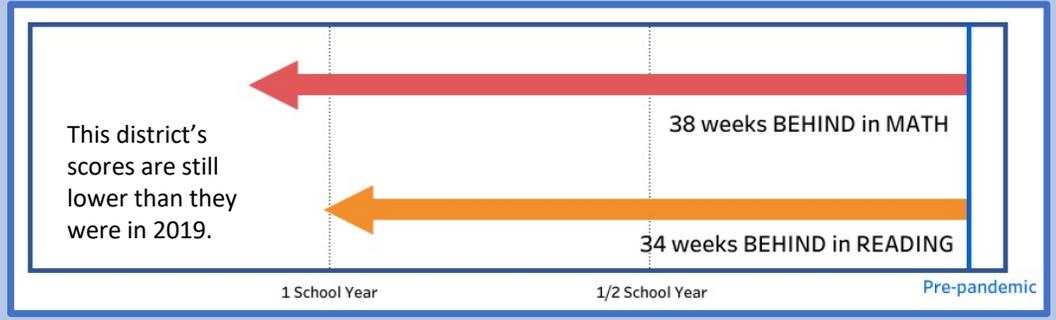
This district received: \$38,554,990 (\$3,184 per student)

Currently the district has

\$10,574,109 remaining
(\$873 per pupil)

Even where districts have already obligated these remaining funds, leaders must ensure that the dollars bring value for students during the coming year.

There is still work to do to get this district’s students back to pre-pandemic levels



How big is the ESSER cliff for this district?

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equates to a

6%
fiscal cliff

This means leaders will need to reduce spending by 6% for the 2024-25 school year.

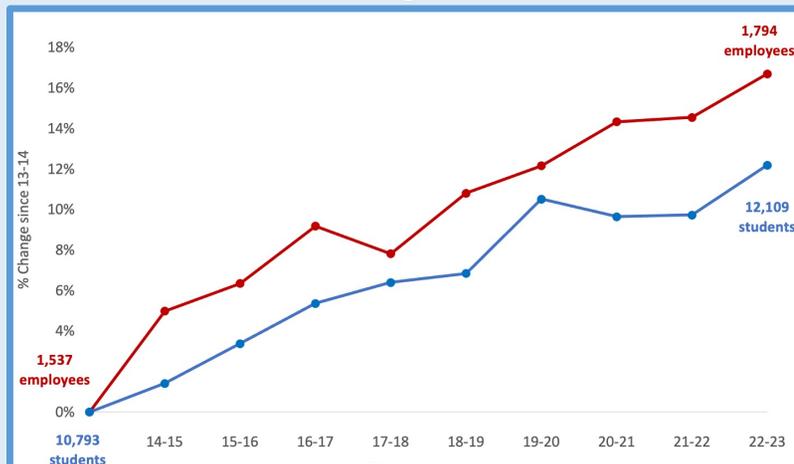
Addressing this cliff means an estimated

68 FTE positions are at risk

Staffing and enrollment trends in this district

Cumulative % change since 2013-14

staffing +17%
enrollment +12%



Looking ahead

- ✓ Intense academic acceleration is needed.
- ✓ While this district has not faced the enrollment decline of its peers, it will struggle to afford its high FTE count once ESSER ends. The district will need to forecast its new revenues against existing commitments (including multi-year labor contracts) to ensure financial sustainability.
- ✓ This district has spent its ESSER more slowly than peers (unless the district has fallen behind in filing reimbursements). With much unspent, the district has work to do this school year to invest remaining dollars well while planning for those investments to end.