

Lowell Area Schools

98C Learning Loss Grant Funds

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Section 98c funds to address learning loss were made available through PA 144 of 2022 (MCL 388.1698c). This was signed into law on July 14, 2022 by Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

Section 98c appropriated \$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.

Funding received by Lowell Area Schools will primarily address learning loss in the area of increasing Math proficiency. Increasing Math proficiency is a K-12 district goal. Lowell’s MICIP goal is to gradually increase math proficiency as noted on local and state assessments over a 5 year period. Several steps have been initiated to date toward the achievement of this goal.

Plans to use 98c learning loss funds will be presented at the October 10, 2022 School Board meeting. Funding will support the position of Elementary Math Coordinator as well as Math Intervention positions at the elementary and middle school levels. Overall, funding will be used to increase math proficiency.

Lowell Area Schools has not been notified of the specific dollar amount allocated through 98c funding as of the October 10 School Board meeting. More information regarding specific dollar amounts is scheduled to be communicated by November 30, 2022. All funds allocated through 98c must be spent by June 30, 2023.