

NC Collaboratory & NCDPI Partnership for Evidence-based Policymaking

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New Partnership with NC Collaboratory

- COVID-19 Learning Impact Program 2022
- Leverage \$6.73M in ARPA funds to understand learning loss across the state
- NCDPI Research Priorities: 10% ESSER III State Reserve (approx. \$350M); 90% Local use of Federal ESSER (approx. \$3.5B); Longitudinal Impact of the Pandemic
- Includes support for building a network across funded researchers



NCDPI Research Priorities

Priority Area A: The longitudinal impact of COVID-19 on student learning in North Carolina.

- Impact of the pandemic on the educator workforce.
- Impact of the pandemic on the postsecondary choices of high school juniors and seniors.
- Identifying effective practices in virtual learning by grade band.
- Understanding students and families who left and returned to the public school system during the pandemic.
- Impact of the pandemic on persistently low-performing schools.
- Interventions/mitigation strategies targeting academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students during the pandemic.



NCDPI Research Priorities

Priority Area B: The effectiveness of ESSER III Fund policies/programs during the pandemic.

- *State Reserve:*
 - State and local teacher bonuses during the pandemic.
 - Statewide rollout of LETRS training for North Carolina elementary school teachers and administrators.
 - Supporting educators in North Carolina's recurring low-performing schools and districts.
 - Use of software to mitigate cyberbullying, monitor student internet activity and classroom educational devices, assist with suicide prevention services.
 - School Psychologists Grant Program.
- *Local Allotments Reserve:*
 - Funding deployment and efficacy of local ESSER funded programs.



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NC Recovery Research Network

- Based on principles of Research-Practice Partnerships for:
 - NCDPI – Office of Learning Recovery and Acceleration
 - NC Collaboratory
 - NC Education Futures Initiative
- Launched Network in November '22
- Joined National Network of Education Research-Practice Partnerships (NNERPP)

