Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund III (ESSER III)

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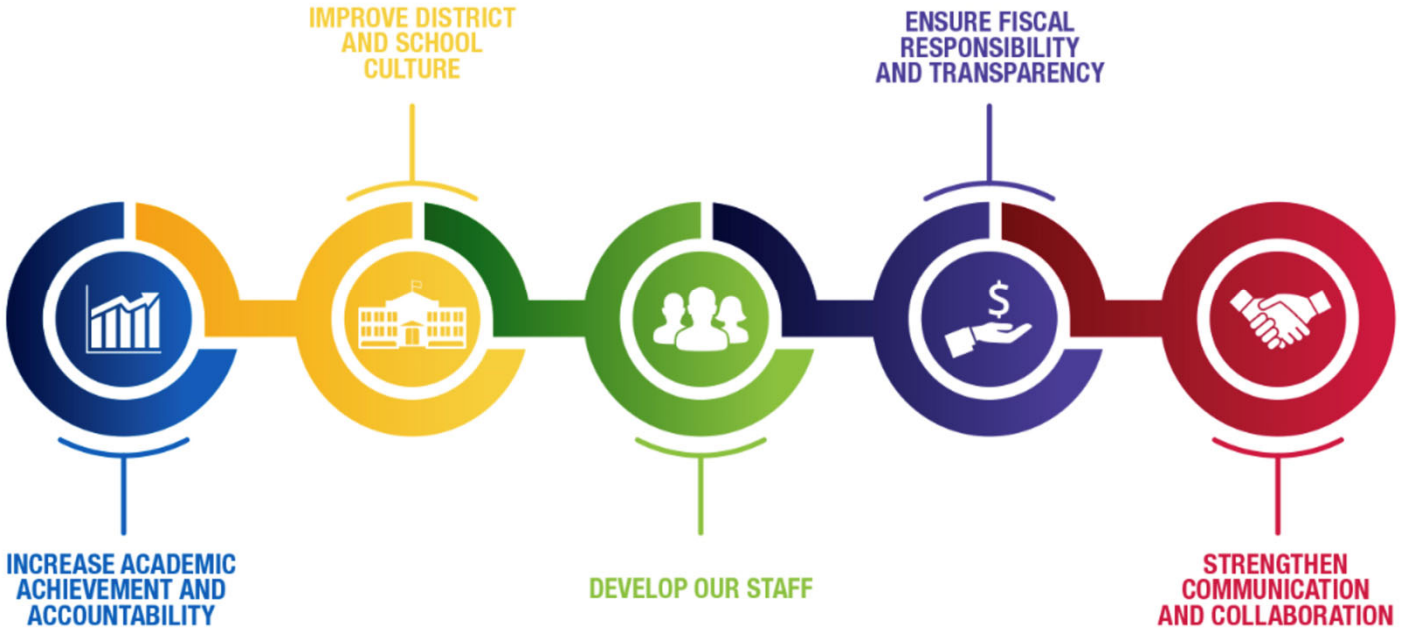
Five Priorities for Success



Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Programs

ESSER Grant Overview	ESSER I	ESSER II	ESSER III
Stimulus bill	Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Performance period	3/13/2020 – 9/30/2022	3/13/2020 – 9/30/2023	3/13/2020 – 9/30/2024
Total amount in grants to Milwaukee Public Schools	$41 million	$225 million	$505 million – Districts must reserve 20% to mitigate learning loss
School districts provide private school services	Yes; $15 million	N/A	N/A

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ESSER III Plan Development

Input from Staff, Students, Families, and the Community

- Initial survey
- ESSER email
- ESSER website http://mpsmke.com/esser3
- Community listening sessions
- Student listening sessions
- Stakeholder meetings

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ESSER III Plan Development

Input from Staff, Students, Families, and the Community

- Milwaukee Board of School Directors town hall meetings
- Draft plan posted on the website
- ESSER III Funding Priorities Survey
- Meetings of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors

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ESSER III Surveys

Distribution

- Web story
- Email and text message reminders to staff and families
- MPS app notification
- Social media promotion
- Thursday Updates
- Family Newsletter

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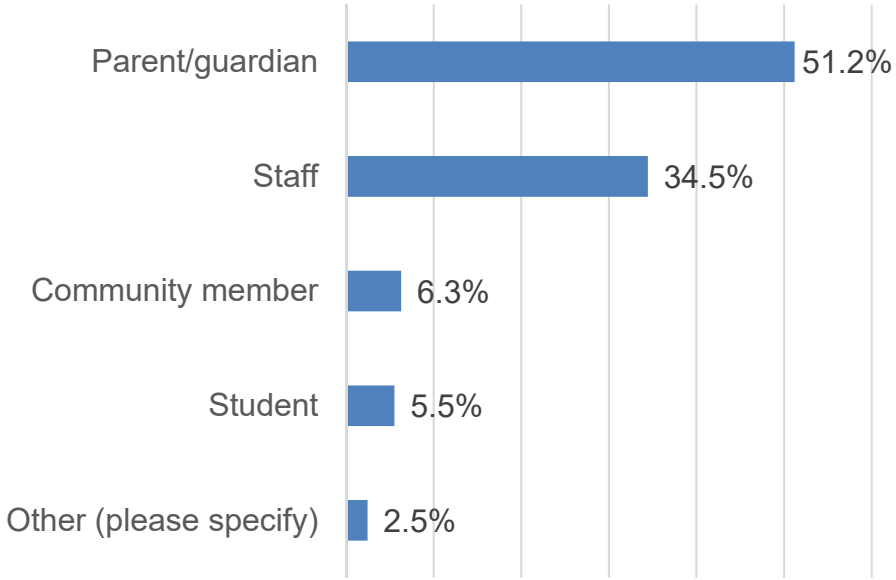
ESSER III Surveys

Survey I and Survey II

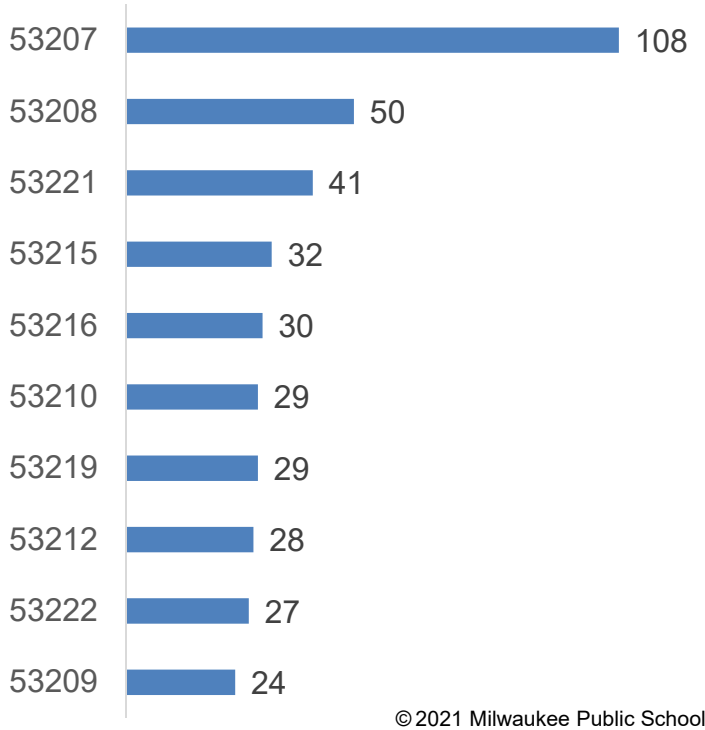
- **Survey I** released July 8th to coincide with the community feedback sessions as part of the planning of the ESSER III budget.
- **Survey II** released September 4th as part of feedback on the draft ESSER III budget

Survey I Data Responses: 650 as 9/20/21

Who Participated



Top 10 Zip Codes



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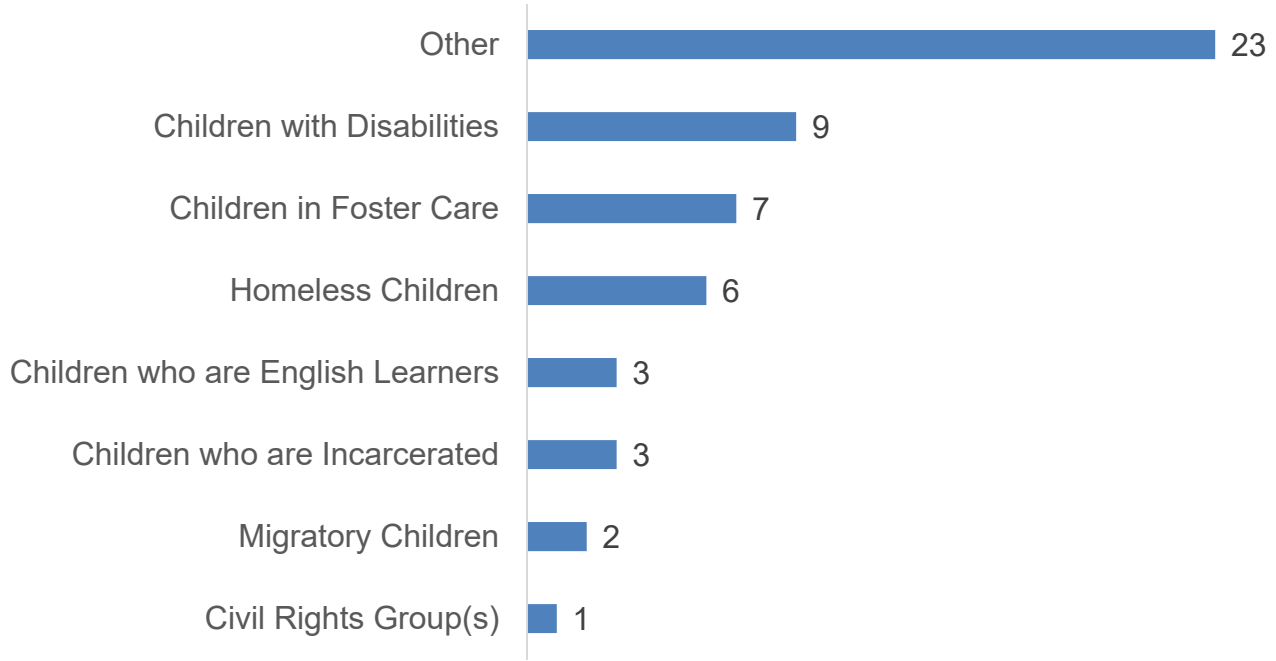

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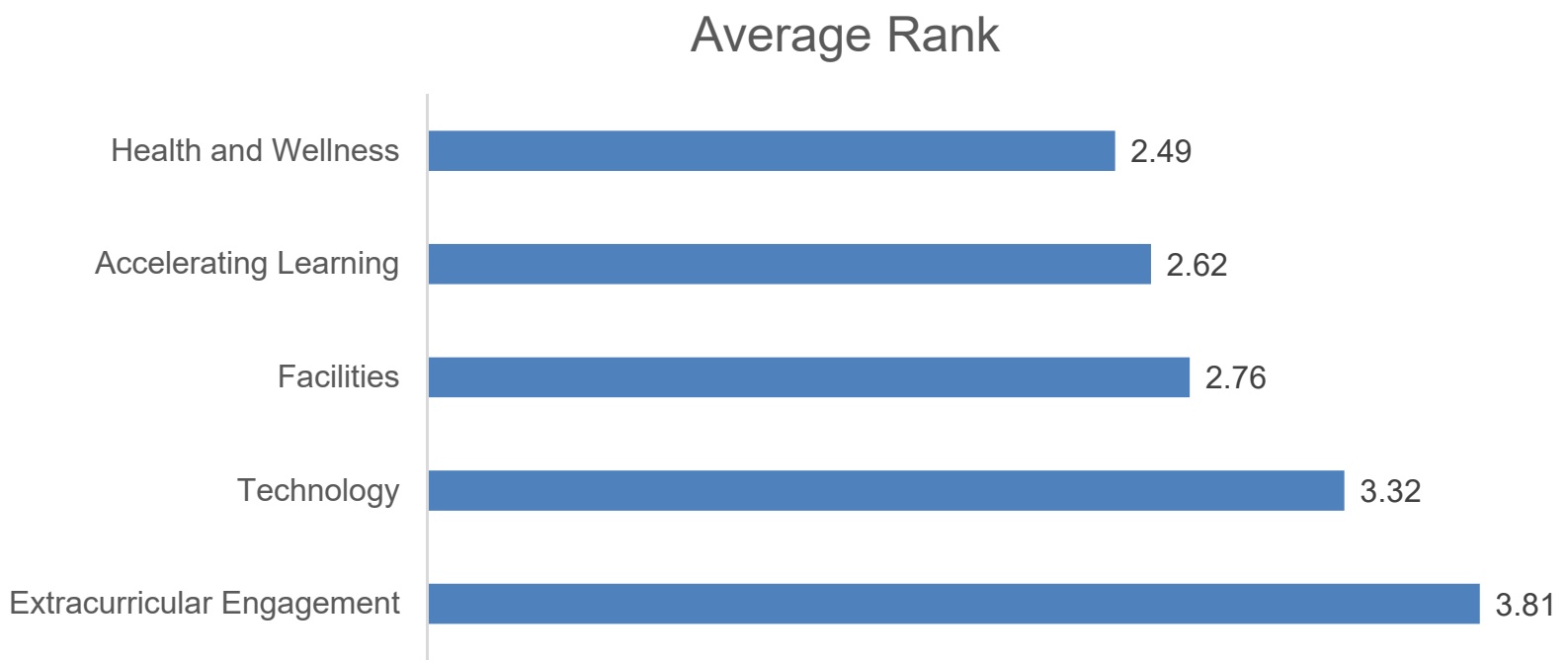
Overall Priority Areas Ranked 1-5



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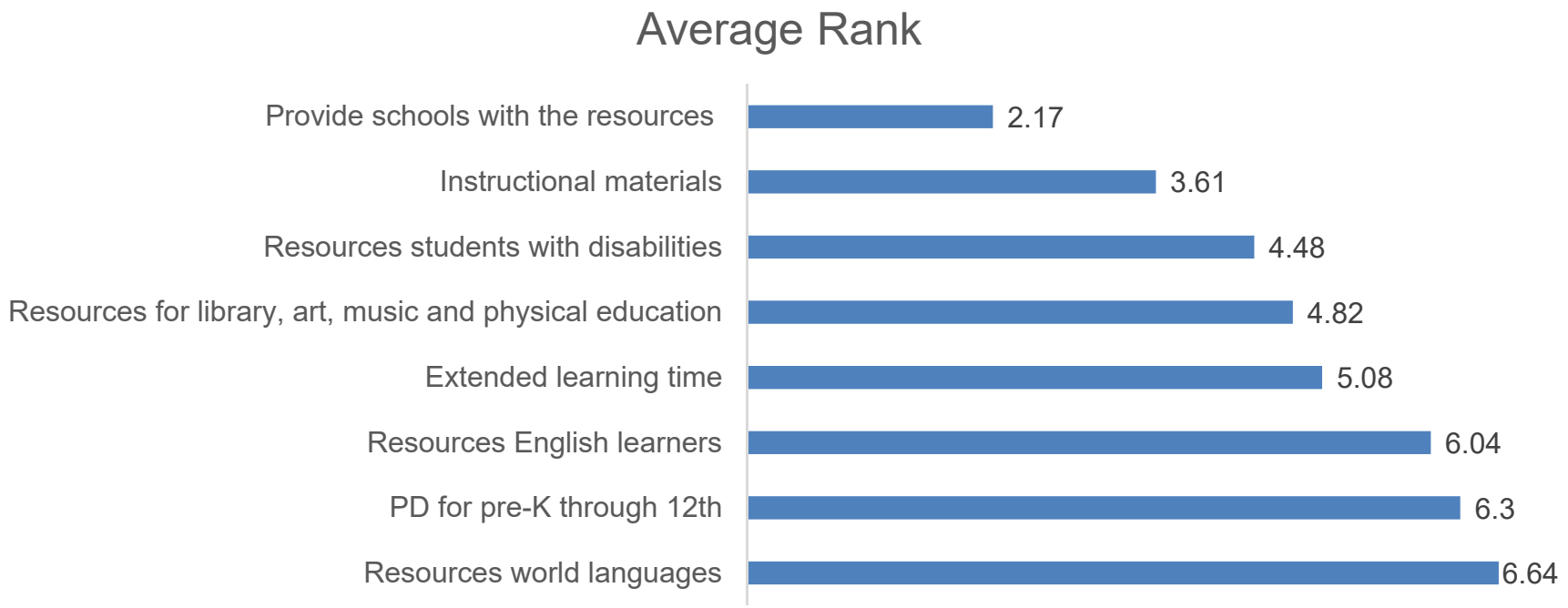
Accelerating Learning



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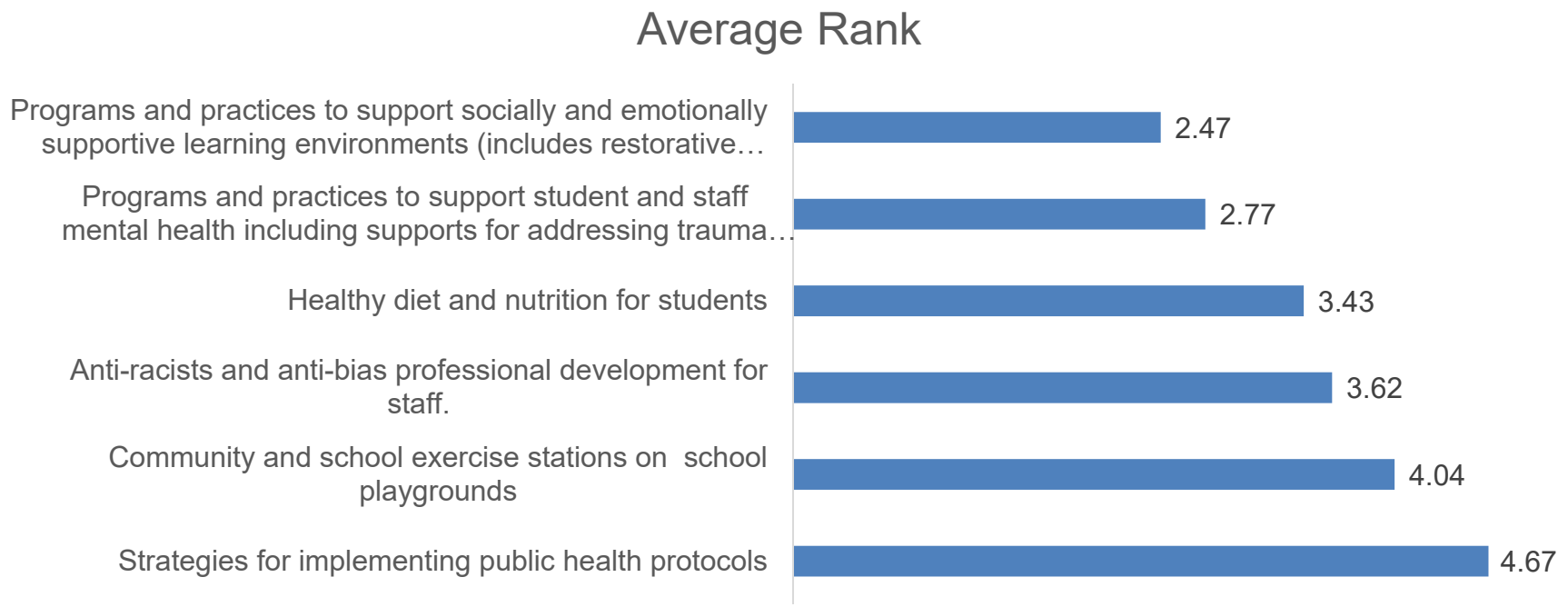

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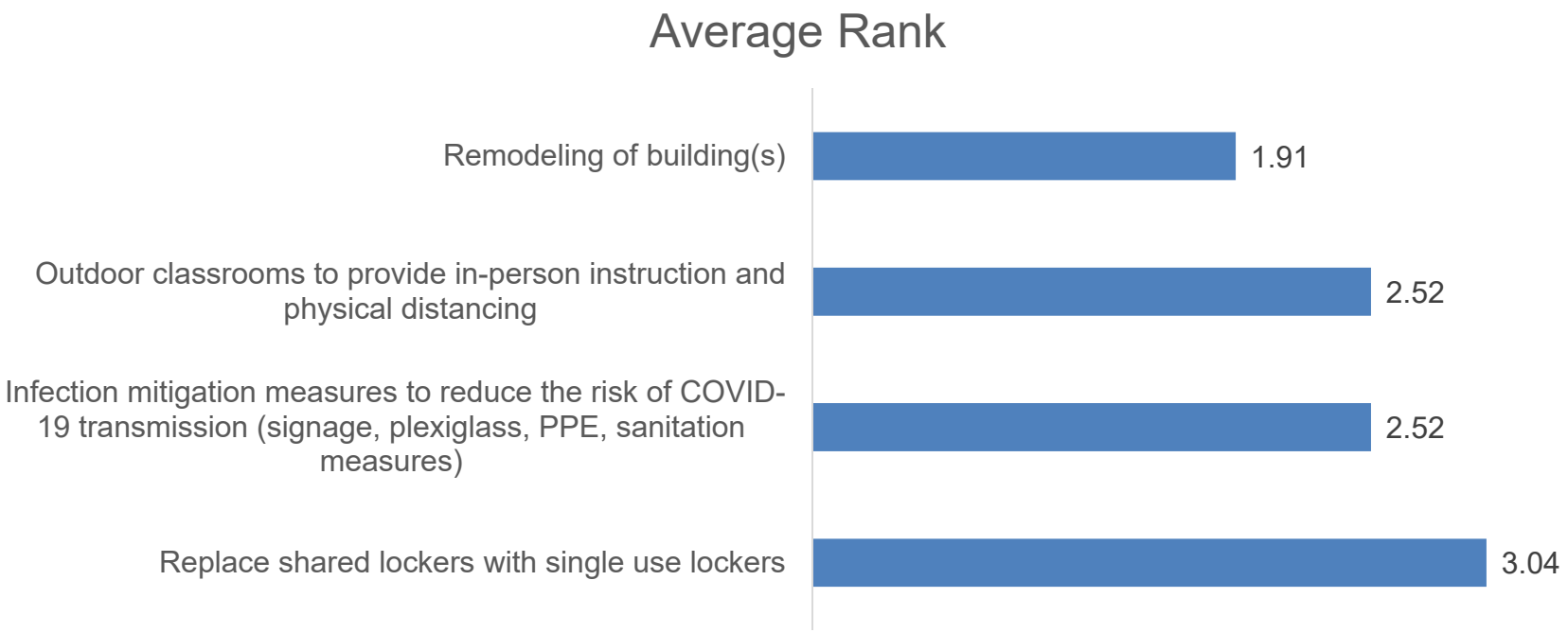
Facilities



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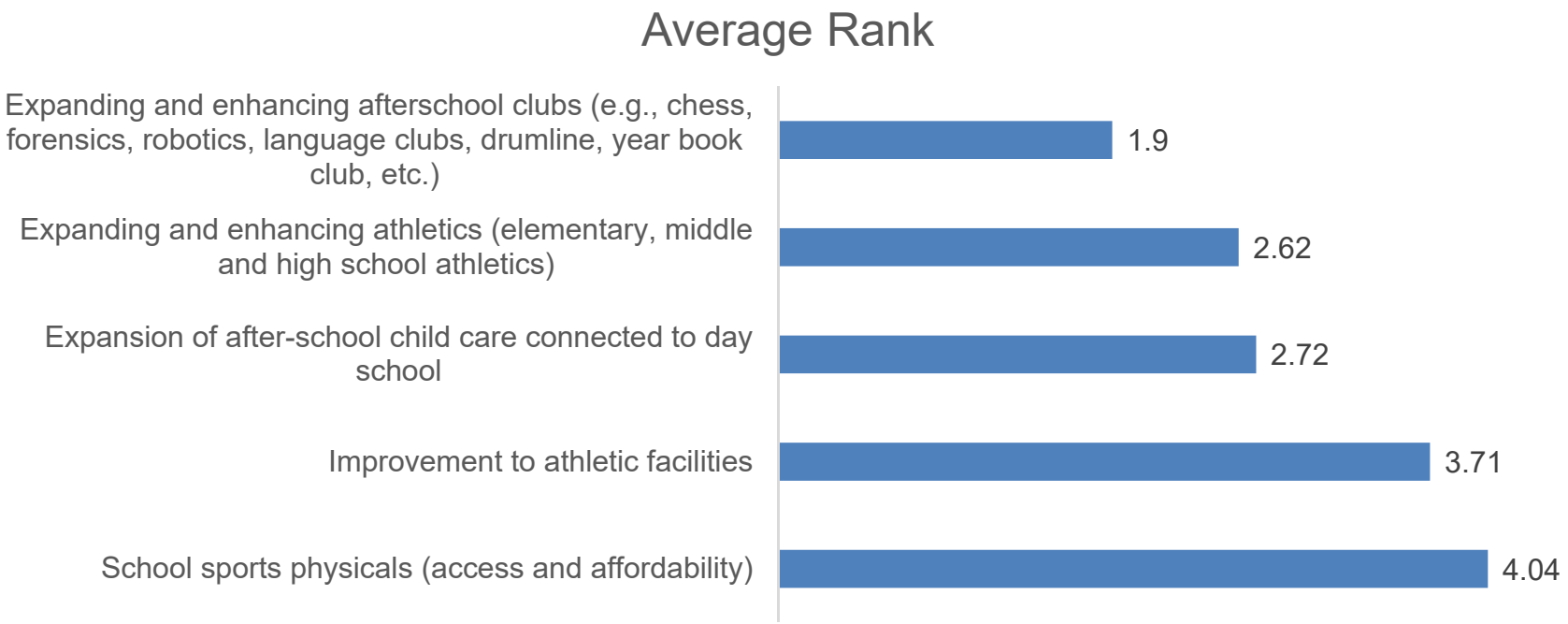
Extracurricular Engagement



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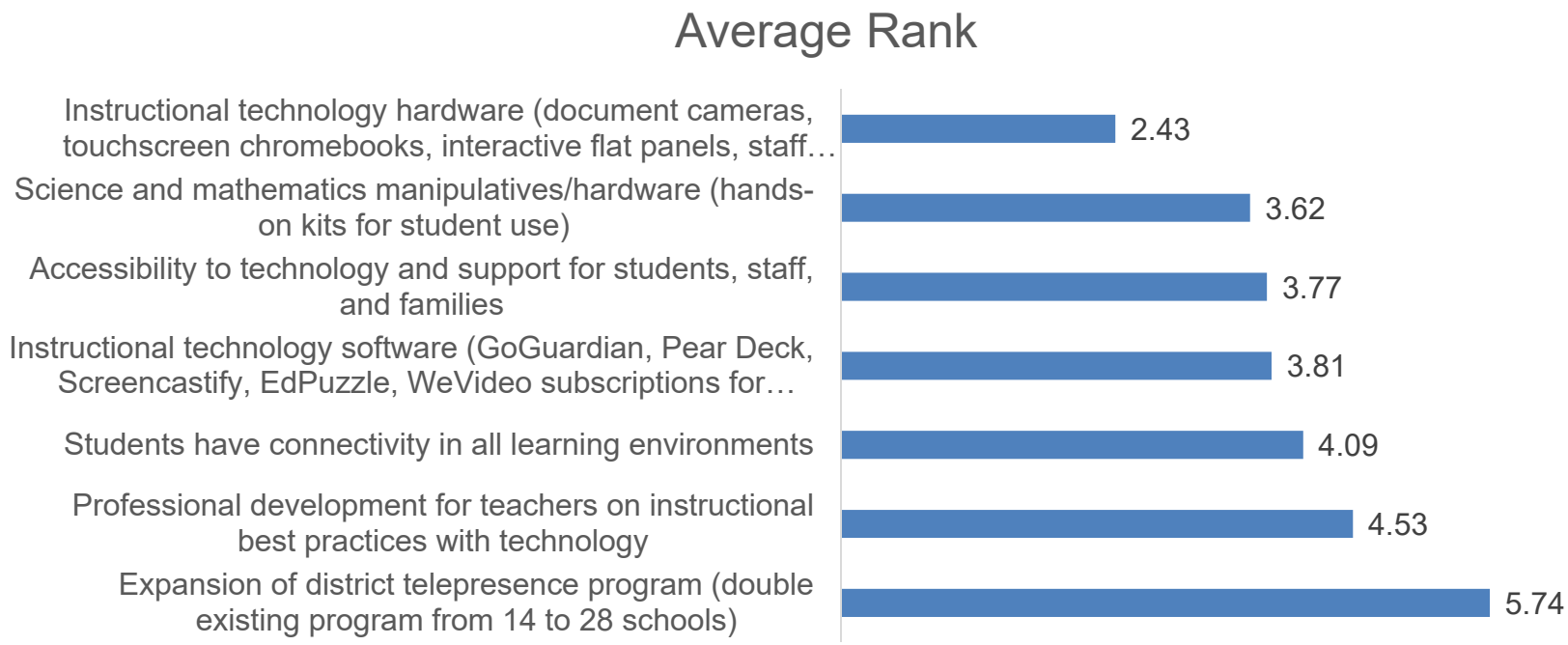

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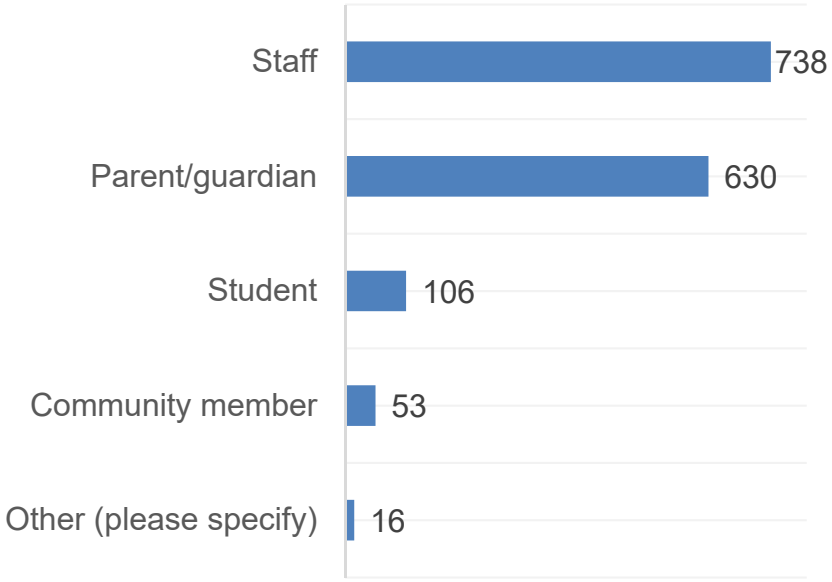
ESSER III Survey I and II

- Survey II:
  - Released ~ 9/4/21
  - Purpose: gather community feedback on the draft budget that was created from Survey I and the other data points collected.

ESSER III Survey II 1,543 responses 9/20/21

Who responded:



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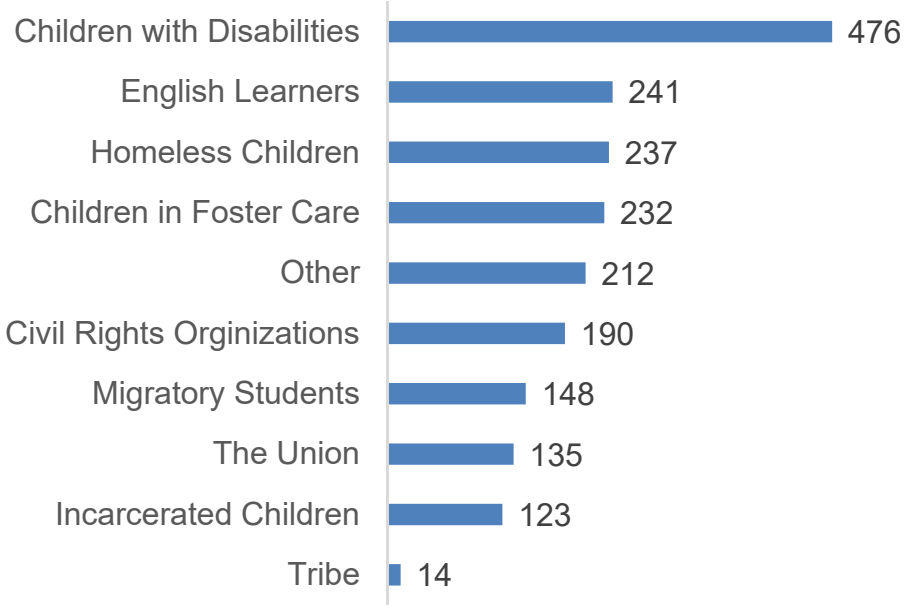

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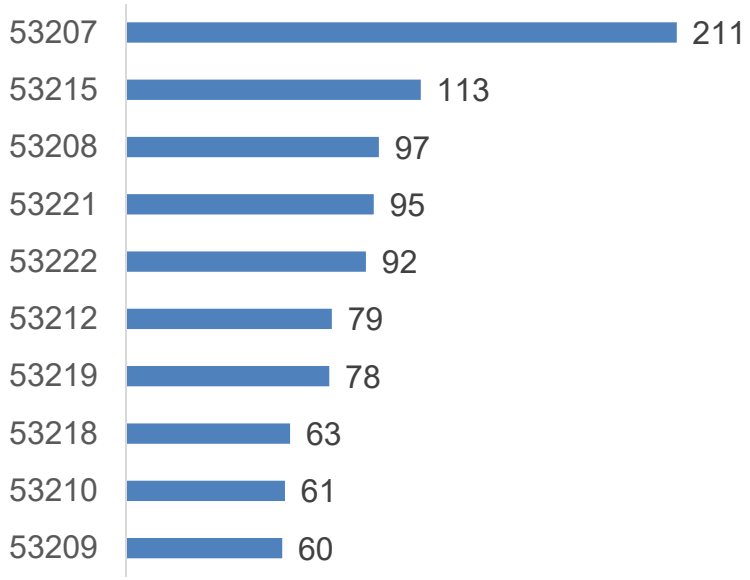
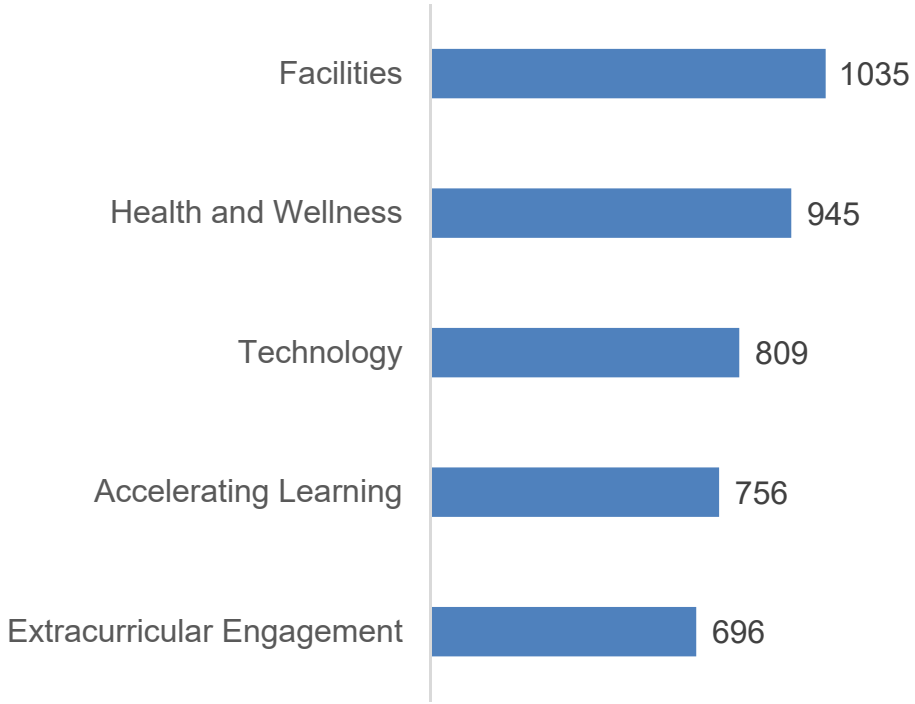
ESSER III Survey II

Top Ten Zip Codes



Number of Responses by Area



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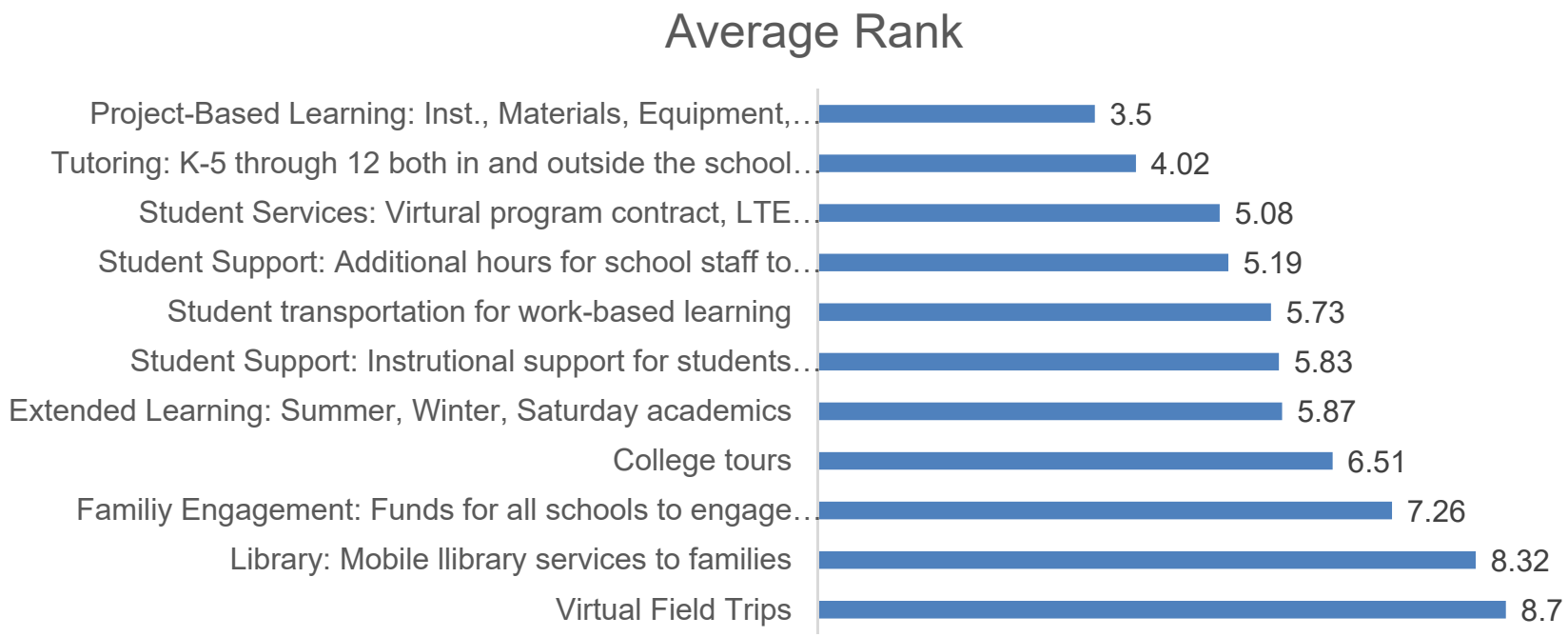
Accelerating Learning: Direct Service to Students



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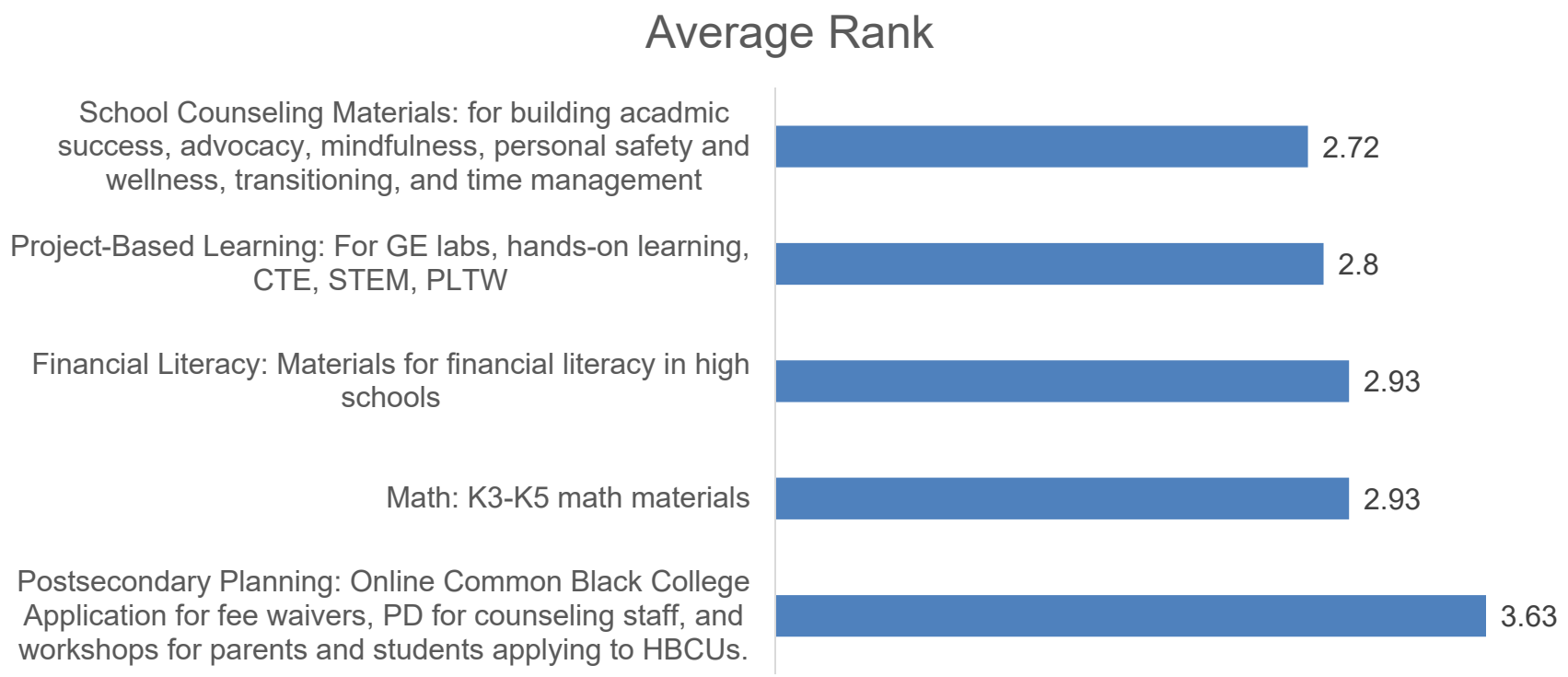
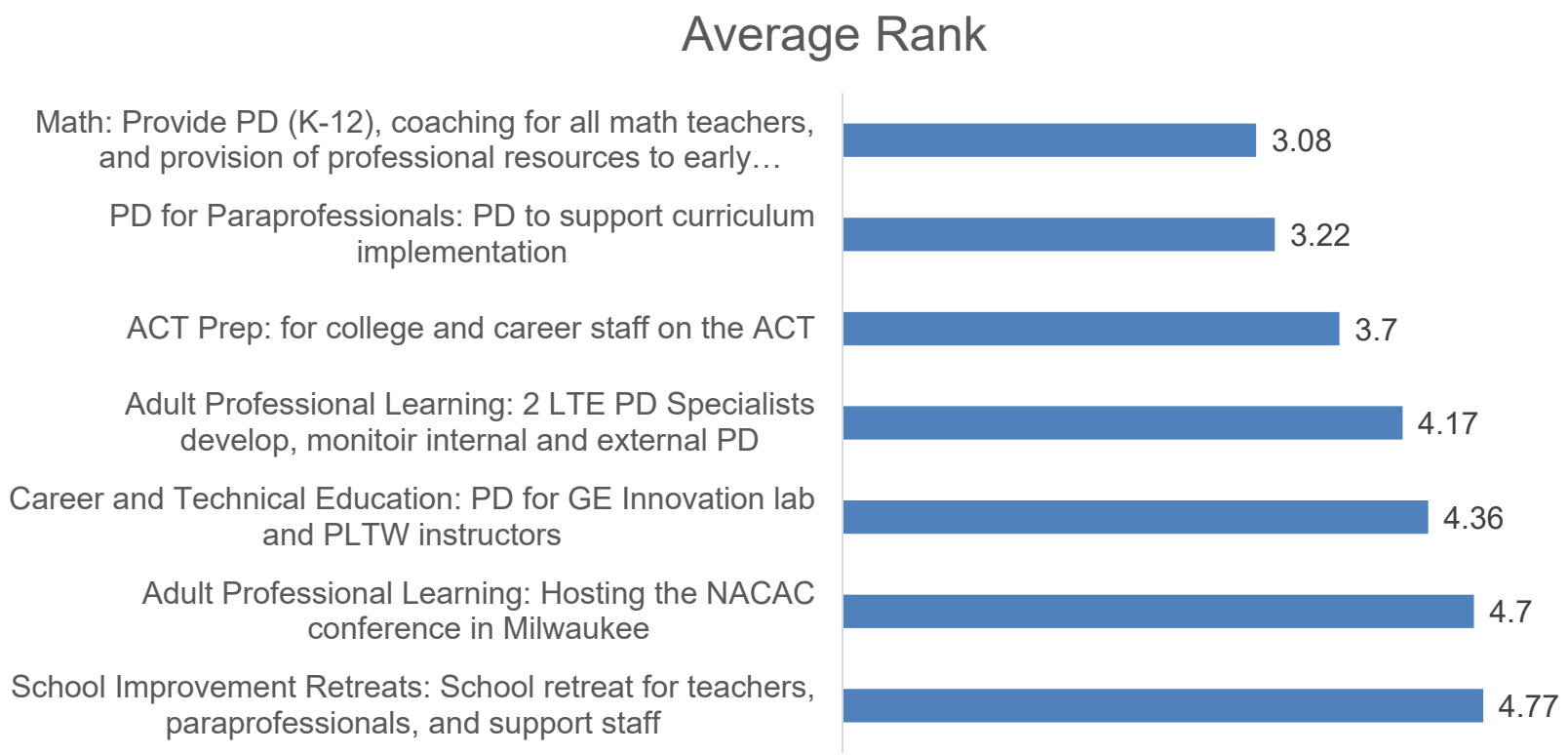
Accelerating Learning: Provide High Quality Materials



Accelerating Learning: Provide Professional Development



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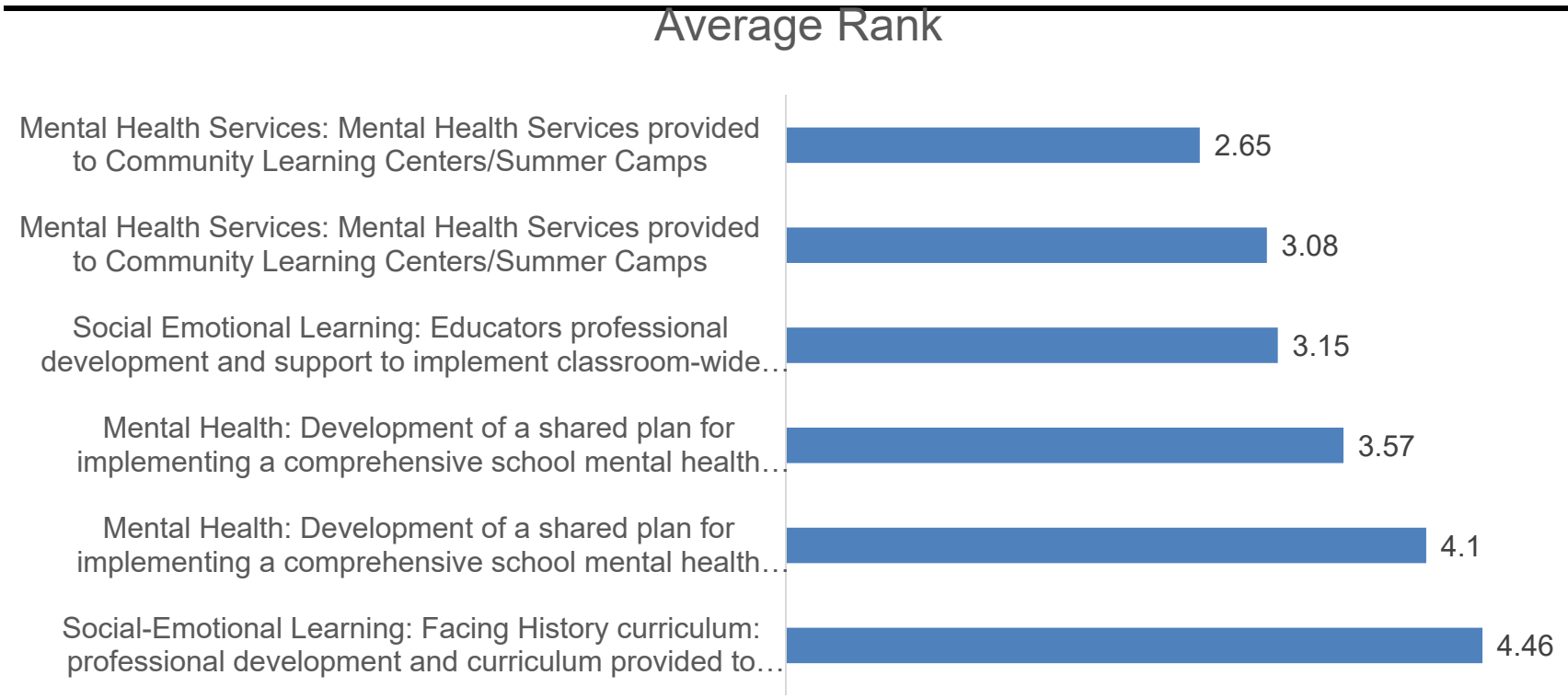
Health and Wellness: Mental Health



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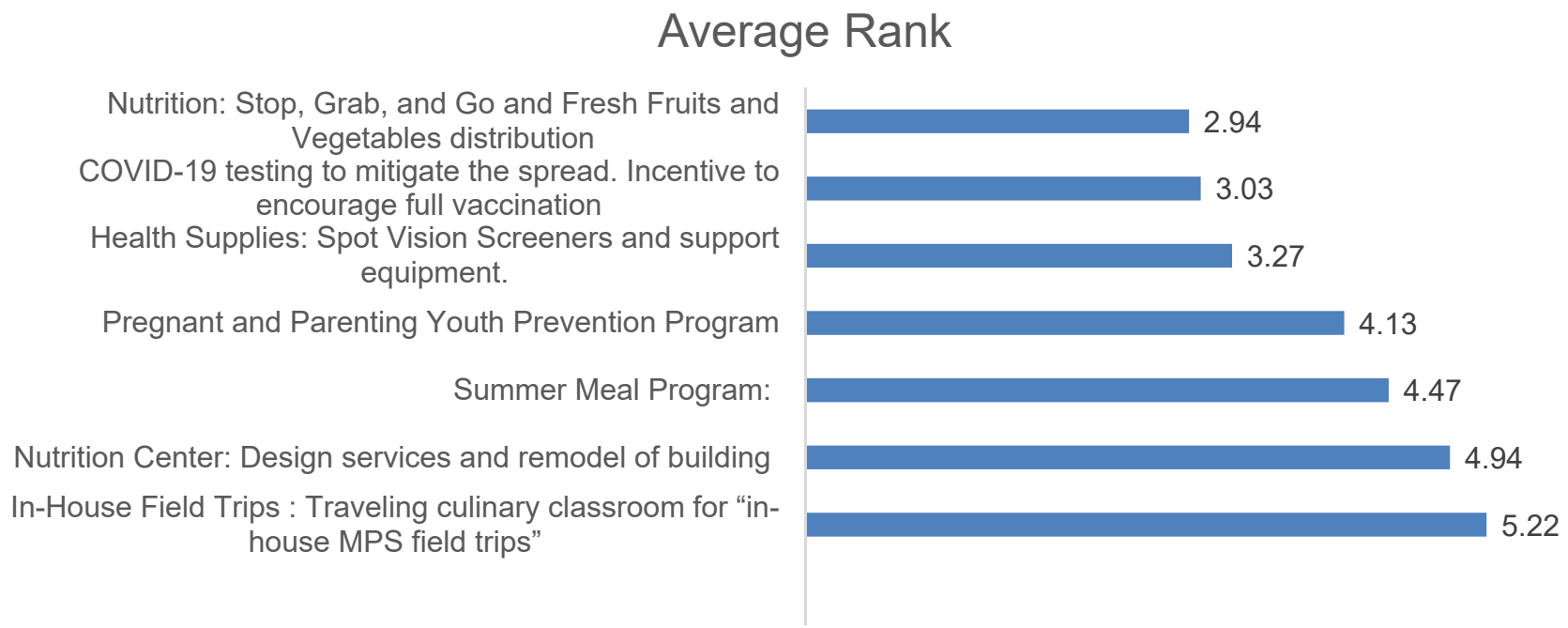
Health and Wellness: Physical Health



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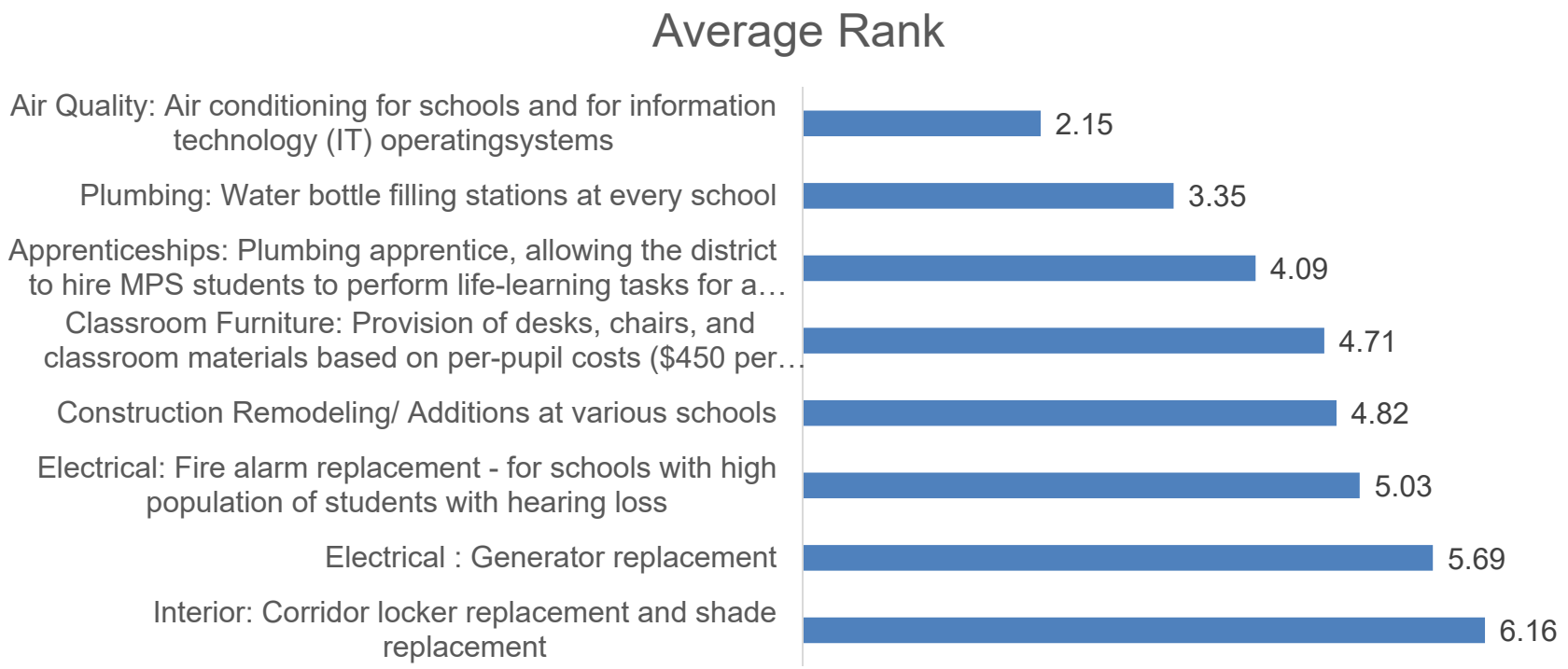
Facilities



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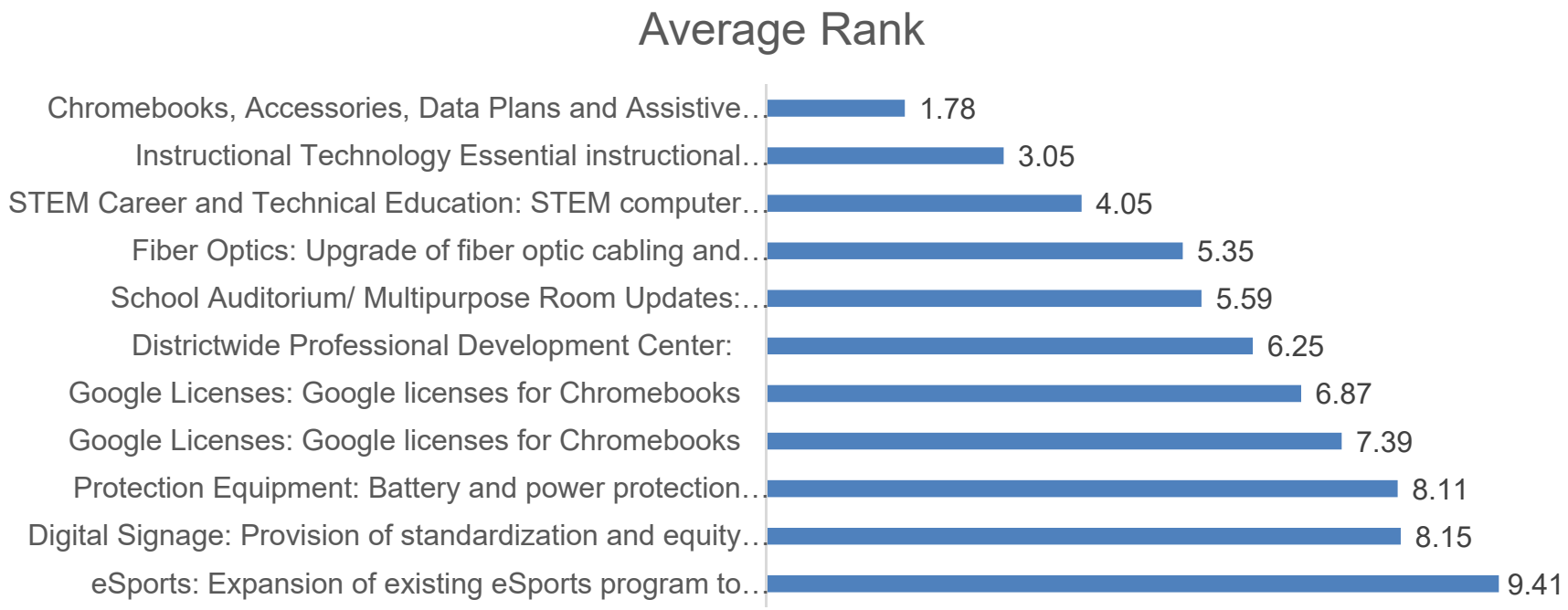
Technology: Equipment to Support Student Learning



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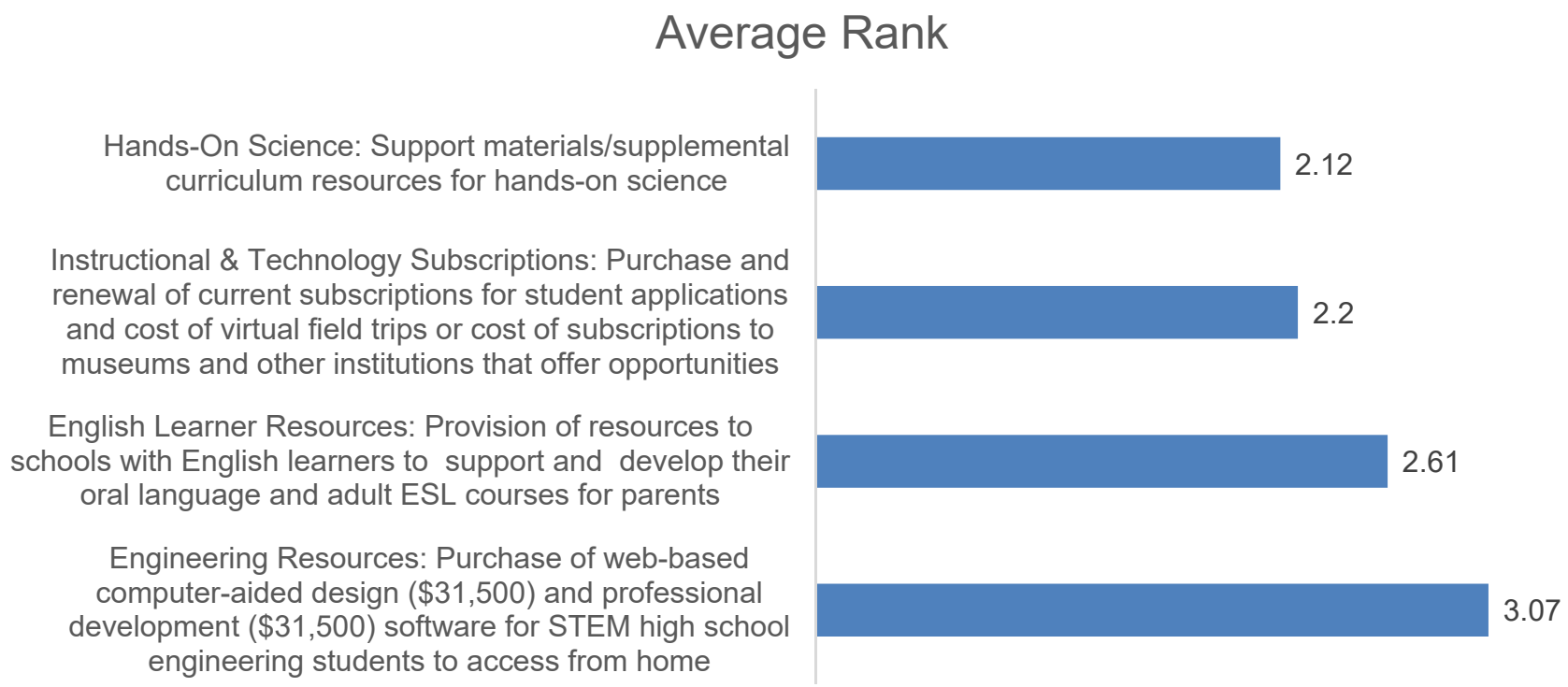
Technology: Instructional Technology Software



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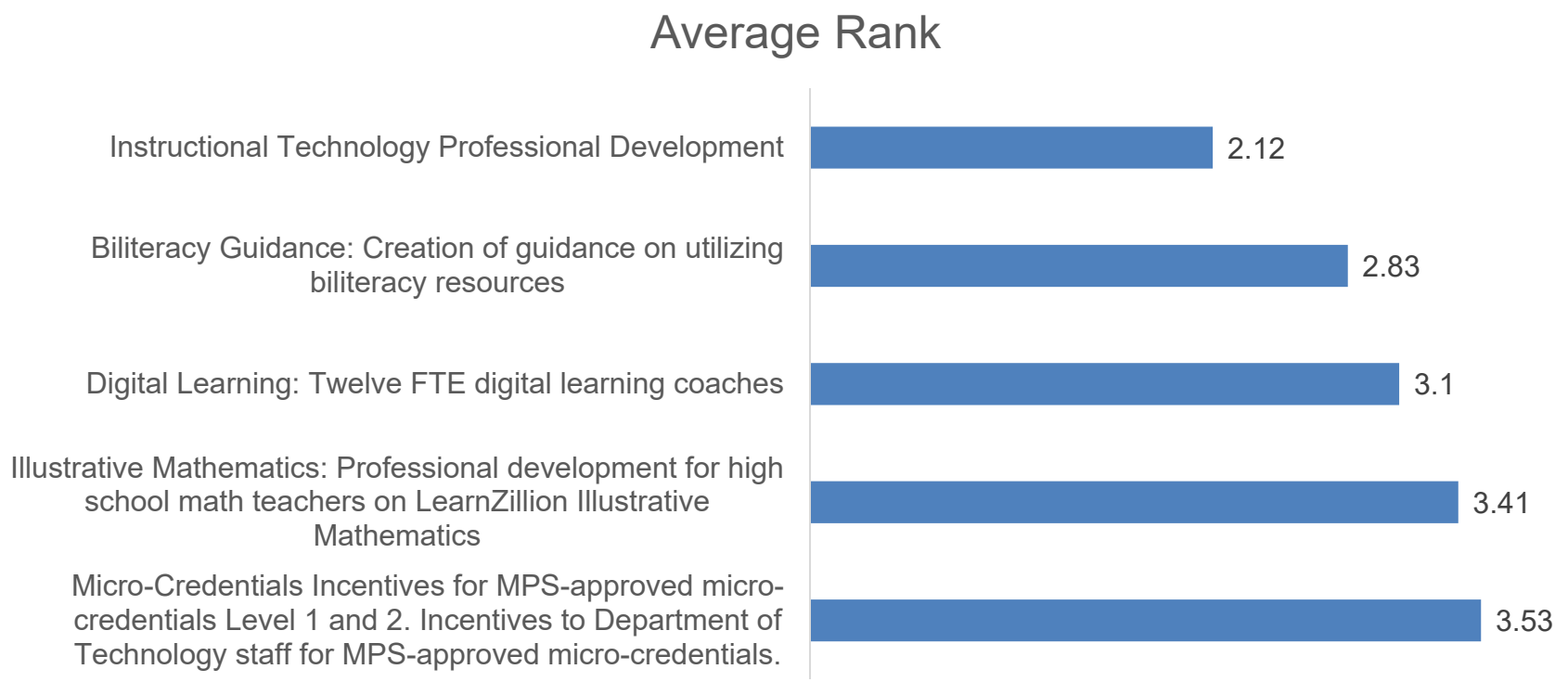
Technology: Instructional Technology Professional Development



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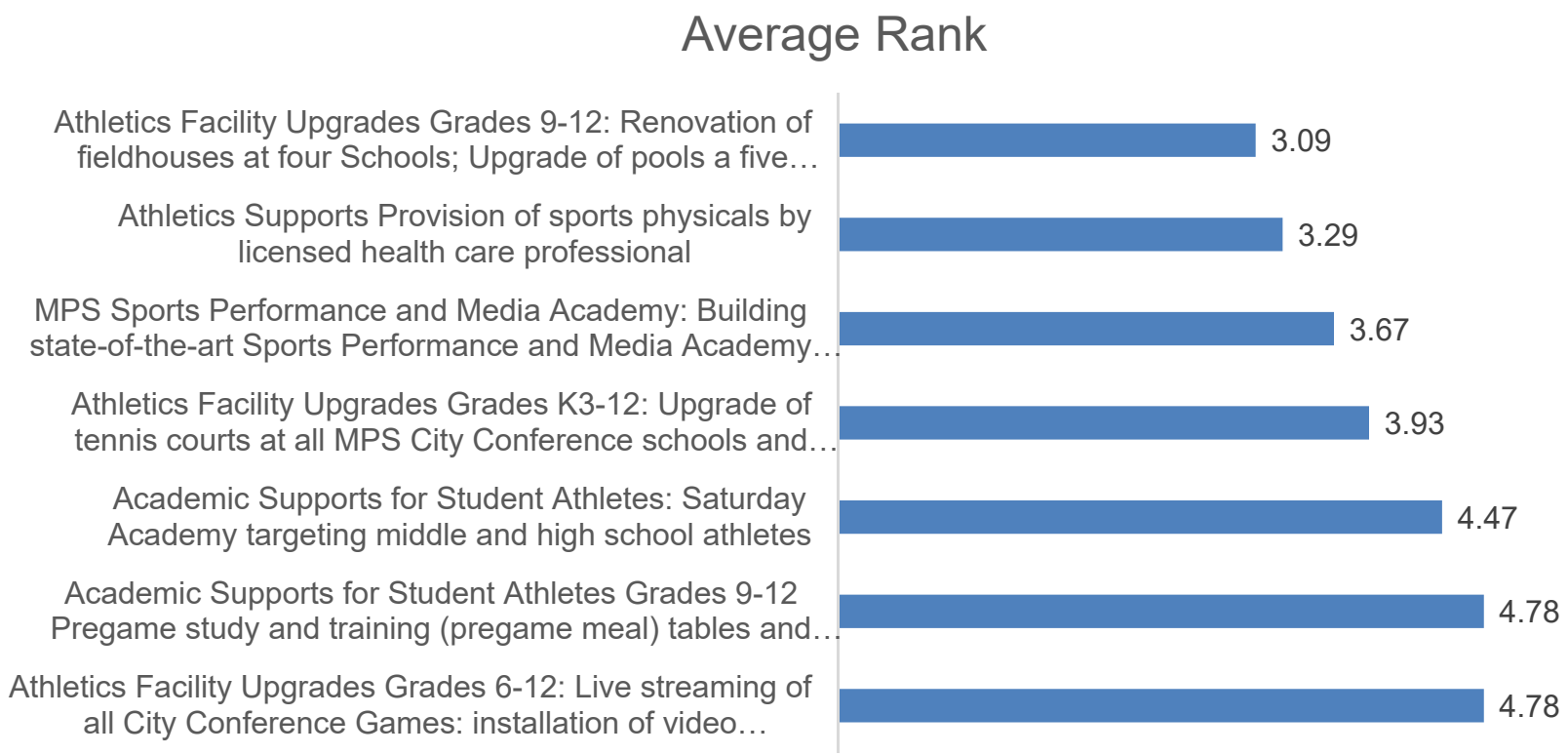
Extracurricular Engagement: Athletics



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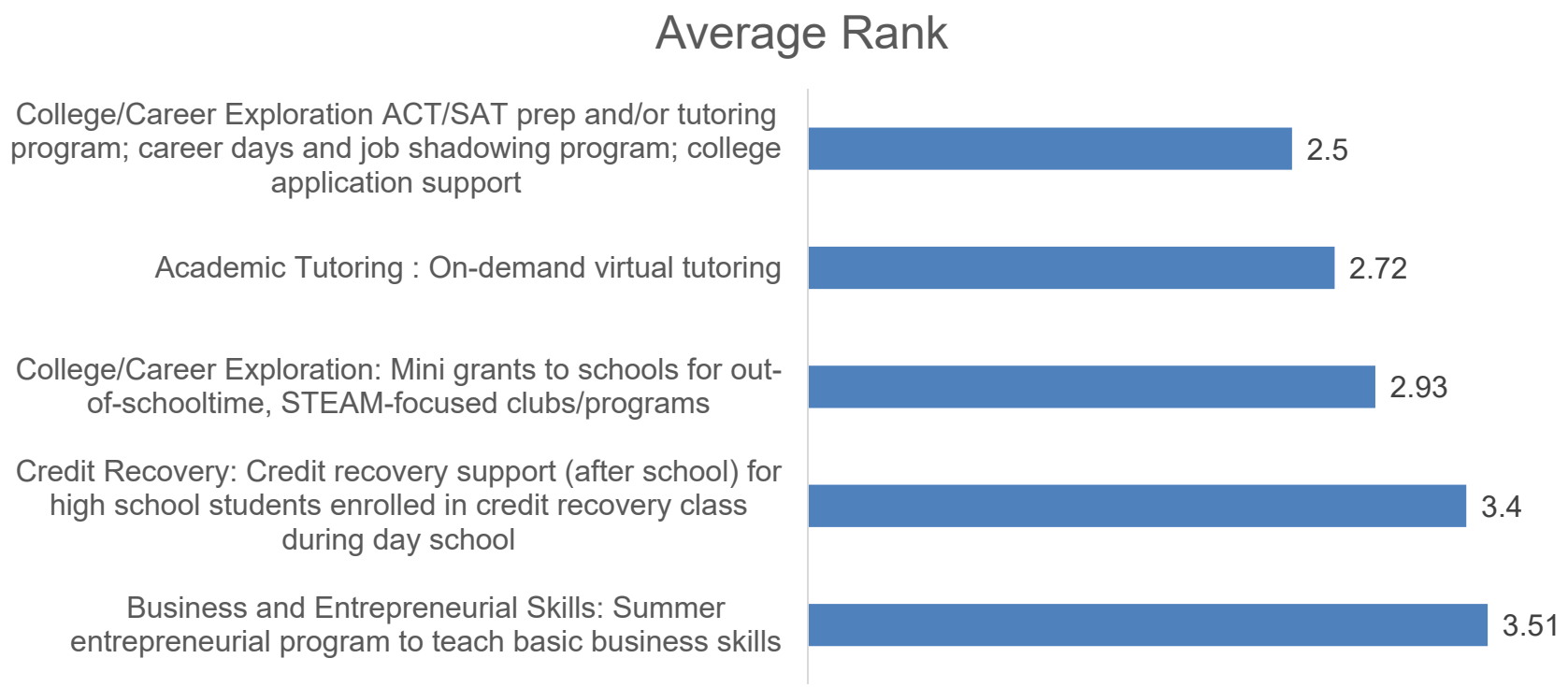
Extracurricular Engagement: Expansion of Current MPS After-School/Out of School Offerings



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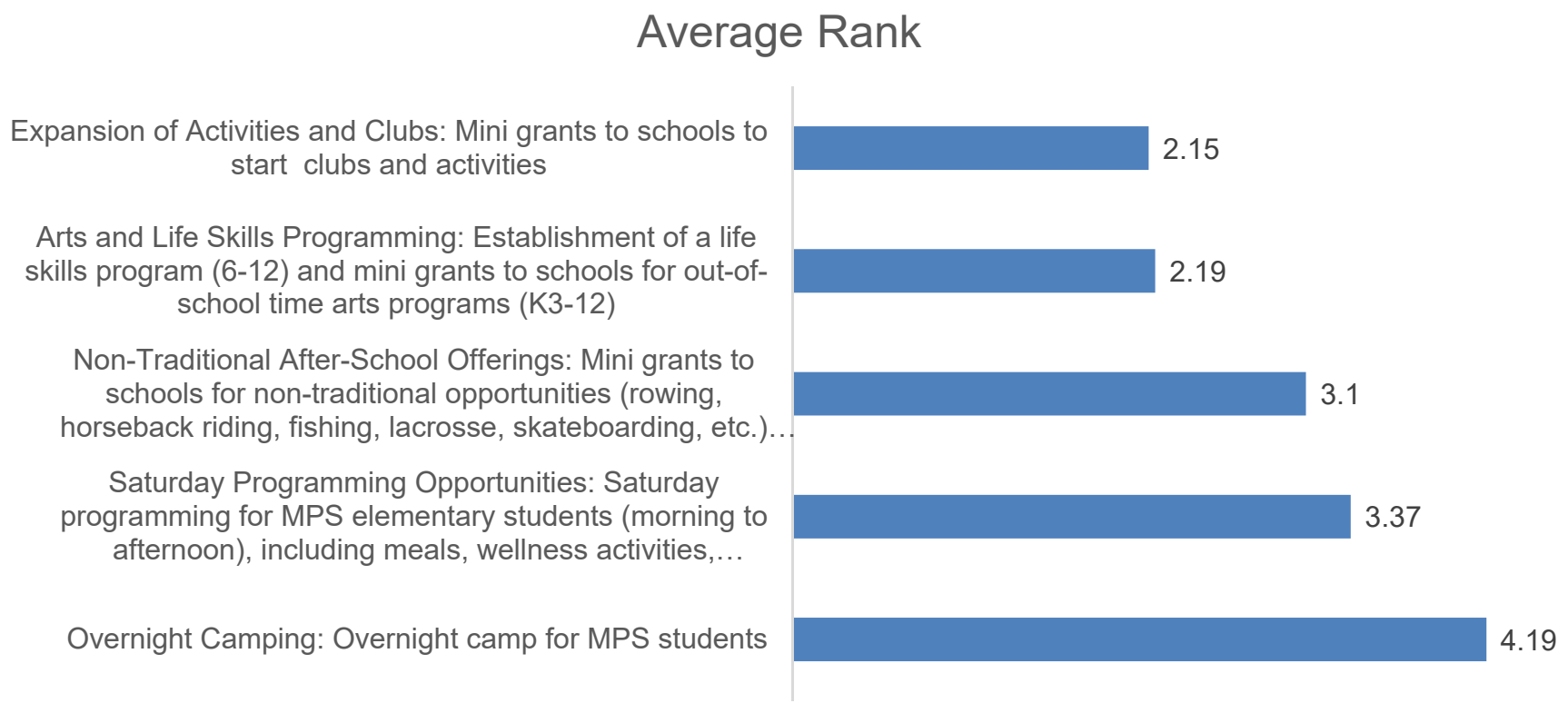
Extracurricular Engagement: Expansion of School-Based Clubs



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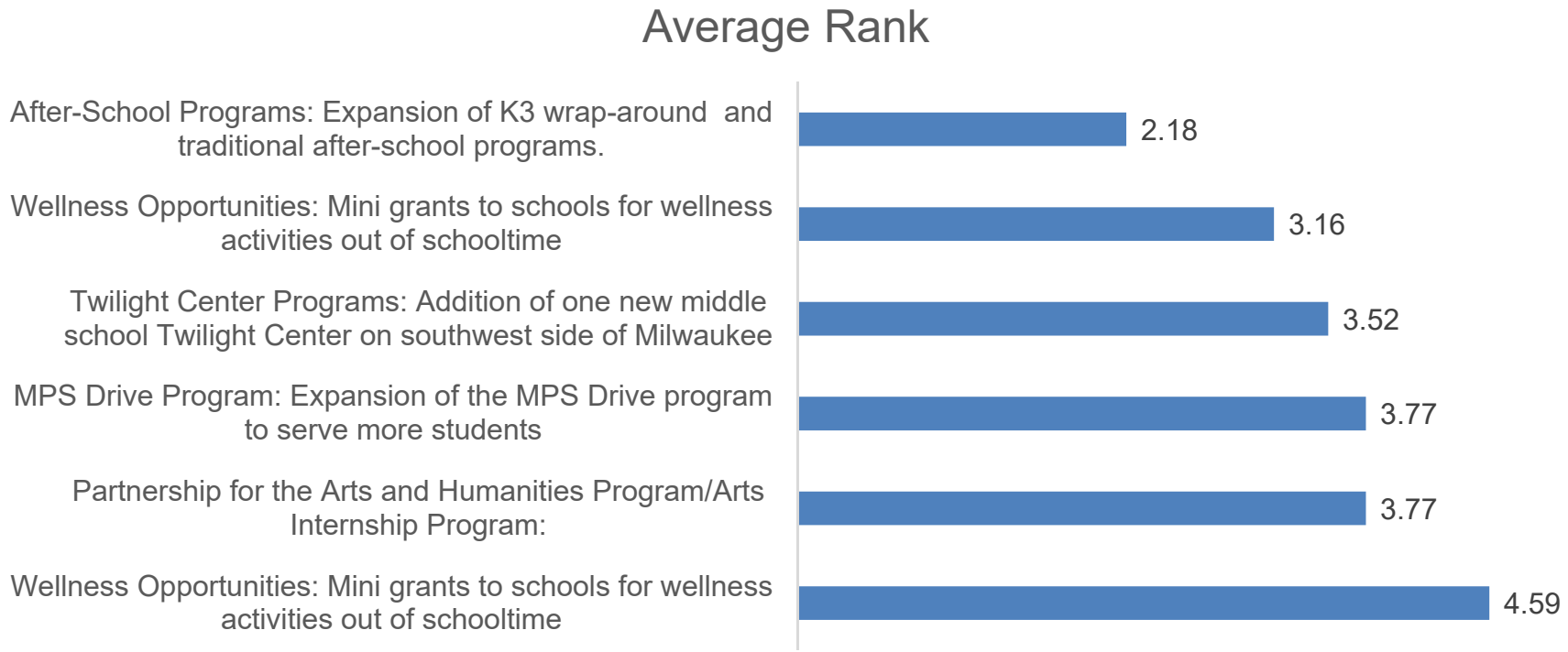
Extracurricular Engagement: Increase Accessibility to and Quality of MPS After-School Offerings



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ESSER III Plan Development

Planning Team

- District administrators
- School leaders
- Teachers
- Parents/guardians

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ESSER III Proposed Plan

Proposed Priority Areas

- Accelerating Learning
- Health and Wellness
- Facilities
- Technology
- Extracurricular Engagement

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Proposed ESSER III Budget

Grand Total

Total Proposed Priority Areas	Proposed Budget
Accelerating Learning	$92,179,969
Health and Wellness	$61,758,465
Facilities	$129,064,840
Technology	$93,402,877
Extracurricular Engagement	$73,083,927
Administrative	$1,112,297
Other Educational Services and Programs	$53,930,433
Subtotal	$504,532,808

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ESSER III Accelerating Learning

Goals

Goal 1: Accelerate learning and reduce learning loss to increase student achievement for all students.

Goal 2: Increase use of high-quality instructional materials to support student achievement.

Goal 3: Improve teacher instructional practices to enhance student learning and equity.

Goal 4: Promote family engagement to support social emotional learning and academic achievement.

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ESSER III Proposed Plan

Accelerating Learning

- Direct educational services
- High quality instructional materials
- Professional development
- Strengthening parent/family engagement

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Proposed Budget: Accelerating Learning

Accelerating Learning	Proposed Budget
Direct educational services	$47,918,815
High quality instructional materials	$10,229,512
Professional development	$15,117,137
Strengthening parent/family engagement	$11,746,327
Indirect	$7,168,178
Subtotal	$92,179,969

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ESSER III Health and Wellness

Goals

Goal 1: (Mental Health): All students in MPS will be provided equitable access to mental health supports, particularly after experiencing potentially traumatic events.

Goal 2: (Physical Health): Increase access to health and nutrition services for all students.

Goal 3 (SEL): Schools will create equitable learning environments which foster compassion, respect, and opportunities for students to contribute to positive local and global change.

Goal 4: (Physical Education and Experiential Learning): Increase physical activity for students, families, and community.

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ESSER III Proposed Plan

Health and Wellness

- Mental health
- Physical health
- Social emotional learning
- Physical education and experiential learning

Proposed Budget: Health and Wellness

Health and Wellness	Proposed Budget
Mental health	$12,694,912
Physical health	$33,807,073
Social emotional learning	$12,301,519
Physical education and experiential learning	$601,376
Indirect	$2,353,585
Subtotal	$61,758,465

ESSER III Facilities

Goals

- **Goal 1:** Improve air quality within MPS buildings.
- **Goal 2:** Increase access to water bottle filling stations to reduce expressed concerns and improve overall health.
- **Goal 3:** Promote social distancing with outdoor classrooms and modernized classroom furnishing.
- **Goal 4:** Ensure equitable building improvements throughout the district.

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ESSER III Proposed Plan

Facilities

- Air quality
- Bottle filling station installations
- Interior finishes and classroom furniture
- Building modifications/additions

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Proposed Budget: Facilities

Facilities	Proposed Budget
Air quality	$45,307,200
Bottle filling station installations	$5,692,000
Interior finishes and classroom furniture	$10,000,000
Building modifications/additions	$68,000,000
Indirect	$65,640
Subtotal	$129,064,840

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ESSER III Technology Goals

Goals

- **Goal 1:** Ensure that students and staff have the necessary technology equipment in and out of the classroom for academic success.

- **Goal 2:** Increase access to online tools and software that will be used by staff and students to enhance their teaching and learning.

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ESSER III Technology Goals

Goals continued

- **Goal 3:** Provide equitable access for all students, specifically prioritizing students with disabilities, to various technology hardware and software applications.

- **Goal 4:** Teachers will increase their usage of best practices of instructional technology.

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ESSER III Proposed Plan

Technology

- Equipment to support student learning
- Instructional technology software
- Accessibility to technology and support
- Instructional technology professional development

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Proposed Budget: Technology

Technology	Proposed Budget
Equipment to support student learning	$59,658,416
Instructional technology software	$16,804,410
Accessibility to technology and support	$2,269,004
Instructional technology professional development	$4,362,776
Indirect	$10,308,271
Subtotal	$93,402,877

ESSER III Extracurricular

Goals

- Goal 1: Enhance athletic supports which serve MPS students developmental needs while creating unforgettable experiences.
- Goal 2: Enhance out of school time academic enrichment and supports for MPS students
- Goal 3: Increase clubs and activities during out of school time to support social-emotional learning, skill development (life skills, hard/soft skills, etc.), and exploration of new experiences/interests

ESSER III Extracurricular

Goals continued

- Goal 4: Increase accessibility to and quality of current MPS afterschool/OST offerings

- Goal 5: Provide transportation for MPS students to safely get to and from out of school time extracurricular activities

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Extracurricular Engagement

- Athletics (team sports, sports physicals, facilities)
- After-school/Out of School Offerings
- Clubs
- Accessibility to and Quality of After-School Offerings

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Proposed Budget: Extracurricular Engagement

Extracurricular Engagement	Proposed Budget
Athletics	$28,969,960
After-School/Out of School Offerings	$6,075,349
Clubs	$7,548,200
Accessibility to and Quality of After-School Offerings	$25,982,400
Indirect	$4,508,018
Subtotal	$73,083,927

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Thank you.

Dr. Keith P. Posley, *Superintendent*

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