

Multnomah Education Service District (submitted by Celine de Clercq, Senior Communications Specialist)

Rivercrest Academy – a school serving students in recovery from substance use disorder, HVAC, and Permanent Substitute Teachers, Network and Technology Updates

MESD is utilizing critical ESSER II funds to help ensure every student we serve benefits from a safe and supportive learning environment where they receive personalized, creative, equitable, and cutting-edge education, health, and technology services. These funds have gone to help meet the needs of employees and students in their career, school, and wellness journeys. Some projects include innovative engagement services for students including East County Bridges reconnection and the beginnings of **Rivercrest Academy (a comprehensive school that offers a free, safe, sober, and supportive school environment for students recovering from substance use disorder)**. We've also used them to upgrade aging HVAC upgrades, to help provide roving "permanent subs" to mitigate teacher absences, and for network and technology updates to support hybrid work.