

American Rescue Plan (ARP) – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER)

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ARP- ESSER: An Overview

Federal Funds Provided to School Districts In Response to COVID-19

Must Be Spent by September 30, 2024

Total Funds For Our District: \$2.2 Million

- 20% of the funds must be spent to mitigate impact of reduced in-person learning time

Staff/Parent/Community Input



Survey Responses: Identified Priorities

Summer and Afterschool Programs

- "Tutoring sessions, extra help"
- "Ways to supplement regular instruction"
- "Additional programs for students afterschool"

Facilities Improvements

- "Improve HVAC and filtration systems to all areas of both campuses"
- "Air conditioning"
- "Rooms and furniture need to be updated to suit cooperative learning"

Technology Purchases

- "Purchase more devices for students"
- "1:1 devices for students"
- "Devices for every student and laptops for all teachers, with updated infrastructure to handle all of the technology needs"

Funding Priorities: Guiding Questions

- **How Can We Ensure That Many Voices Are Heard?**
 - Use of Survey Feedback
 - Collaborative Planning For Implementation
- **How Can We Use These Funds To Continue Work That Has Already Begun?**
 - Examine current purchases (e.g. reduce timeline for 1:1 device completion)
- **How Can We Ensure The Sustainability of New Purchases?**
 - Examine effectiveness of new purchases and long-term budget plans beyond 2024
 - Use General Funds To Make Aidable Purchases



Planned Funding Priorities

Teaching, Learning and Curriculum	Facilities	Technology
Summer Learning Program & Transportation	Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC)	Student Devices
Afterschool Learning Program & Transportation	Windows	Staff Devices
Curriculum Work For Teachers	Building Security	Interactive Whiteboards
Student, Staff, Parent Survey Instrument	Modernized Learning Spaces	Infrastructure Improvements

Next Steps

- Utilize collaborative structures to advance planning
 - Facilities Committee
 - Building-Level Teams
 - Shared Decision-Making Team
 - Consultants (Technology, Architects)
 - PTSO
 - Student Groups