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RE: 2021 Summer Learning Program - All Grades

On March 11, 2021, the President signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). ARP makes available \$122.8 billion nationally in a third round of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds.

The ARP Act requires LEAs to reserve at least 20% of their 90% ARP-ESSER allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning. The Tonawanda City School District is committed to effectively and appropriately utilizing these non-recurring federal funds in the designated upcoming years to further our work in meeting the diverse and unique needs of our entire student population.

One of the focus areas this summer will be to offer a summer learning program for students in grades K-12 that need **extra support**, based on achievement data and other progress points as established by the District.

There will be limited availability in each grade level based on available staffing and student needs. This will require the evaluation of students to determine their level of need **regarding lost instructional time and credit recovery**. Some of the criteria for students to qualify for this summer program includes:

1. High Absenteeism - All grade levels
2. Scores of a 1 or 2 on the report card - Elementary students
3. Student results from iReady, SRI, and IRLA - Elementary students
4. Failure of two or more classes - Middle School students
5. Failure of a core subject area (ELA, Social Studies, Science, Math) - High School students

Goals and Objectives for these summer sessions include:

Elementary:

- Remediation and support for the promotion to the next grade
- Remediation and support to increase reading skills (decoding, fluency, and comprehension)
- Remediation and support to increase computational skills (reading a word problem, identifying important information, setting up word problems, solving word problems)

Middle/High School:

- Opportunity to pass course(s) and remain on or near grade level
- Remediation of content specific to the failed course

- To allow for a regents exemption in regents courses
- Avoid multiple course failures which is a leading indicator of future school drop out

Logistical Information: Our summer school programs will be hosted at Mullen Elementary for students in grades K-5, and the Tonawanda MS/HS for students in grades 6-12.

Elementary Summer Sessions (Grades K - 5)

- Mullen School will be used for all students in grades K-5
- The curricular focus will be in the ELA and Math content areas
- This four (4) week program will begin on Monday, July 12th and conclude on Thursday, August 5th
- Each week will include a Monday through Thursday schedule (closed on Fridays)
- Students will arrive at approximately 9 a.m. and will be dismissed beginning at 12:15 p.m.
- The availability of breakfast and lunch are anticipated during the time students attend their summer school program
- Transportation will be provided to eligible students

Middle School Summer Sessions (Grades 6 - 8)

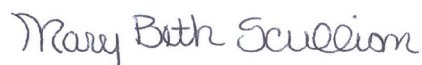
- Grades 6-8 will use the Middle School building for these sessions
- The curricular focus will be in the ELA and Math content areas
- A five (5) week program will begin on Monday, July 12th and end on Thursday, August 12th
- Each week will include a Monday through Thursday schedule (closed on Fridays)
- Students will arrive at approximately 8:30 a.m. and be dismissed beginning at 12 p.m.
- The availability of breakfast and lunch are anticipated during the time students attend their summer school program
- Transportation will **NOT** be provided

High School Summer Sessions (Grades 9-12)

- Grades 9-12 will use the High School building for these sessions
- This will include ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies content areas using a blended model with instruction and GradPoint as a primary means of credit recovery
- A five (5) week program will begin on Monday, July 12th and end on Thursday, August 12th
- Each week will include a Monday through Thursday schedule (closed on Fridays)
- Students will arrive at approximately 8:30 a.m. and be dismissed beginning at 12 p.m.
- The availability of breakfast and lunch are anticipated during the time students attend their summer school program
- Transportation will **NOT** be provided

If your child qualifies for this limited summer learning program, you will receive more detailed information from your building administrators. Thank you for your support and partnership with our school district.

Sincerely,



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