

ARP ESSER III Use of Funds Plan

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The LEA must engage in consultation with stakeholders and give the public an opportunity to provide input. Specifically, the LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with students, families, school and district administrators (including special education administrators), teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, staff and unions. Further, the meaningful consultation must extend to Tribes, civil rights organizations (including disability rights organizations) and stakeholders representing interests of children with disabilities, English Learners, children experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, migratory students, children who are incarcerated and other underserved students. Finally, the LEA’s plan must be in an understandable and uniform format, written in a language that parents can understand, orally translated and, upon request by a parent who is individual with a disability, provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent. The Plan must consist of the following:

1. The extent to which and how the funds will be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with the most recent CDC guidance on reopening schools, in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;

The Ryan Public Schools ARP-ESSER3 Consultation Committee has discussed possible ways the district can make the learning environment safe and healthy for students, teachers, and staff. With that in mind, and using the CDC’s most current guidelines to inform the decisions, these are the uses Ryan Public Schools proposes in this area in order to Prepare, Prevent, or Respond to COVID-19 and its impact:

Purchase and installation of security cameras districtwide to improve the health and safety of students and staff and to allow for more effective contract tracing. (\$80,000) 21-22 school year only

Purchase of a 15-passenger school bus for social distancing for students to allow for distancing while being transported to and from school. (\$70,000) 22-23 school year only

Both of these items are in keeping with CDC guidance as it relates to activities school districts can take to ensure and enhance the health and safety of students and staff.

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2. How the LEA will use the funds it reserved under section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act [20% of ESSER ARP Act formula funds] to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year;

20% of Ryan Public Schools total ARP funds (\$500,626.06) will be \$100,125.22. These funds will be utilized to determine individual student and grade level learning gaps or loss due to COVID-19, and then to address such loss through research-based interventions and programs. As such, the following are recommendations from the Consultation Committee:

Use of Alpha Plus benchmark and remediation curriculum with 3rd through 8th grade students to supplement instruction within the classroom in reading and math to effectively address the loss of learning due to COVID-19. The Alpha Plus software has been shown to be an effective tool to both diagnose and address the academic deficiencies of all students. (\$35,350 in FY21-22 and \$7,500 in FY22-23 and FY23-24 yearly for a total of \$50,350)

Hire one FTE Paraprofessional for more one-on-one assistance for students in the early elementary who are not at the appropriate grade level in reading/language or math. The addition of this paraprofessional will allow the district to not only directly serve the K-2 grade students, but it will also allow the district through another staff member who will be “freed up” to provide additional reading instruction to those students that are not on IEP’s but are significantly behind in their reading proficiency. The new paraprofessional will serve under the direct supervision of certified teachers. (\$16,758.67 yearly, total of \$50,276)

The Alpha Plus software package will provide us with the critical pre and post data necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of our efforts. Evaluations of reading and math performance will be made at the conclusion of each semester to evaluate our efforts and the tools and methods referenced previously in this section. We will use the Alpha Plus diagnosis tools to evaluate the results of the paraprofessional services as well.

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3. How the LEA will spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with the uses authorized in section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act; and

Ryan Public Schools plans to utilize ARP-ESSER III funds to Prepare, Prevent, and/ or Respond to the Covid 19 impact on our district. In order to maintain operations and continuity of the district in either direct preparation for, to prevent, or in response to Covid 19; or because of loss of revenue due in large part to the same, Ryan Public Schools will utilize the various approved funding in the following manner:

Purchase of 8-passenger Suburban to transport students and to transport meals when necessary. (\$45,000) 21-22 school year only

Unemployment Insurance (\$19,000 total) FY22 through FY24

Property Insurance (\$106,000 total) FY22 through FY24

Utilities (Electric, Natural Gas, Water, Sewage) (\$80,000 total) FY22 through FY23-24

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4. How the LEA will ensure that the interventions it implements, including but not limited to those implemented under section 2001(e)(1) [20% set-aside], will respond to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care and migratory students

Ryan Public Schools plans to utilize ARP ESSER III funds to Prepare, Prevent, and/ or Respond to the Covid 19 impact on our district. The consultation committee recognizes that all aforementioned expenditures will serve all students and position the district to meet not only the academic needs of students but their emotional and mental health needs as well. It is both our desire and our understanding that we meet the needs of the whole child regardless of their situation. Again, we believe that what we have put forth within this ARP/ESSERIII budget will meet all the needs of all the students that we serve.