

# ARP Use of Funds Plan

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Stuart Public Schools has been allocated \$938,616.01 in ARP ESSER III funds to help us Prevent, Prepare for, or act in Response to COVID 19. After meeting with the Consultation Committee Made up of Stakeholders of the District (Students, Parents, Faculty/Staff, Tribal Liaisons, and Business leaders) the District developed the following plan for the Use of those ARP funds.

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 ARP Consultation Committee of Stuart Public School has discussed various ways to help make our school safe and healthy for students, teachers, and staff. Keeping this in mind, and using the CDC guidelines to direct decisions, Stuart Public Schools have agreed to the following uses of ARP ESSER III funds in order to Prepare, Prevent, or Respond to Covid 19 and its impact:

A. Construction Add-on of 4000 sq. ft. with areas to enable lower elementary a place to have recess during inclement weather, Lower elementary to have PE when the original PE area is taken by cafeteria tables for social distancing, a computer lab/seminar center to be able to social distance during Mandated State Tests or seminars, and two handicap accessible restrooms to allow for social distancing during breaks. (\$642,000 estimated cost.)

B. Security Cameras to aid in Contact Tracing for close contact and exposure. (\$74,092.17)

C. Cleaning Supplies

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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 Stuart Public School's total ARP ESSER III funds (\$938,616.01) will be \$187,723.20. These funds will be used to help eliminate individual student and grade level learning gaps in Science due to Covid 19, and then to address such loss through research-based interventions and STEM programs. Therefore, the following are recommendations from the Consultation Committee:

A. With the significant number of students in High School having below level performance on the Science portion of the ACT (part of state mandated test for 11 grade science), a Highly Qualified Science teacher will be hired for 3 years to help bridge the gap.  
(\$165,345.00/3years)

B. STEM equipment for Science 20% set aside for Learning Loss. (\$22,378.00)

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.

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, the District will utilize the various approved funding uses in the following manner:

A. Provide IXL Computer aided instruction for PK-12 (\$6,750.00)

B. Technology upgrades, including computers, hotspots, and firewalls. (\$10,550.64)

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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.

A. The Teachers, Counselor, Special Education Director, Prinipal and Superintendent will work collaboratively to decide on Professional Development to help faculty and staff identify potential areas of concerns and to be able to assist students who are at risk because of disproportionate impact due to Covid-19. Also, to help administrators identify appropriate responses, including current school staff and contracted agencies to engage. (\$7,500.00)