

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;

Denison Public School plans to utilize ARP ESSER III funds to Prepare, Prevent, and/ or Respond to the Covid 19 impact on our district. The committee recommends replacing windows in 3 buildings, purchasing additional HVAC systems that have UV filters, purchasing a yellow handicap school bus, replacing flooring in elementary classrooms.

Based on CDC guidance for schools, Denison is using ARP ESSER III funds to address ventilation and sanitation issues within the district through upgraded HVAC units and windows, as well as flooring. Custodian and maintenance personnel have been added to ensure proper cleaning and maintenance of school. Additionally, adding a bus will help with limiting the number of students that are transported on handicap or regular buses.

Denison will continue to encourage mask wearing and make masks readily available to students and staff. The district will make every effort to follow the most current CDC guidelines to promote the safety and well-being of our school community.

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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;

Denison Public School plans to utilize ARP ESSER III funds to Prepare, Prevent, and/ or Respond to the Covid 19 impact on our district. The committee recommends the following to address learning loss: hiring reading and math interventionist, hiring a full-time school counselor, and purchasing researched-based educational (Alpha Plus Math, USA TestPrep, and ABC Publishing for Math, ELA, and Science) programs to supplement the regular classroom instruction.

Based on data collected throughout 2021-2022 school year, gaps in reading and math are apparent in all grade levels. Research shows that when students returned in August of 2020, there was learning loss of approximately 6 months. Denison addressed these losses by targeting strategic focus skills in reading and math, and students are making gains. However, we are still in the recovery process for student learning.

To address these learning gaps, the district has hired additional staff including a reading/math interventionist who will work with Kindergarten-3rd grade to effectively target individual student gaps in learning. Additionally, the school counselor will address social and emotional issues in all grade levels.

These positions at Denison specifically address student needs.

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

Denison School plans to utilize ARP ESSER III funds to Prepare, Prevent, and/ or Respond to the Covid 19 impact on our district. The committee recommends spending the ARP ESSER III funds to pay for flooring, windows, doors, buses, as well as HVAC units, and purchasing educational technology to ensure all students have the needed connectivity for online learning. Custodian and maintenance personnel have been added to ensure proper cleaning and maintenance of school.

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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

Denison Public Schools plans to utilize ARP ESSER III funds to Prepare, Prevent, and/ or Respond to the Covid 19 impact on our district. The committee recommends the following to address learning loss in student subgroups: targeted intervention for reading and math in grades K-3, with additional support as needed in grades 4-8; additional staff to allow for more individualized instruction; purchase of needed technology for special education to allow for small group teaching as needed by the SPED instructor.

Students identified as at-risk will be targeted through small-group and individual intervention instruction to support the regular classroom.

Additionally, the committee recommends utilizing the school counselor to provide culturally and age-level appropriate social and emotional learning programs that address students' needs.