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American Rescue Plan Use of Funds August 7, 2023 (Revised)

Part 1: Strategies for Prevention and Mitigation of COVID:

- The addition of route buses will allow for better social distancing to combat COVID-19.
- The replacement of current carpet throughout the school with new carpet tiles will allow for easier and thorough cleaning to combat COVID.
- The employment of an additional certified teacher will allow us to offer more electives to students for greater social distancing among students.
- Demolition of the old elementary building to alleviate poor air quality associated with dilapidated walls, carpets, HVAC systems, etc. and creation of an outdoor classroom for clean air and social distancing.

Part 2: Strategies for Addressing Loss of Instruction 20% Set Aside:

- Comprehensive After-School Program that will focus on Math and ELA for grades 1-12.
- The After-School Program will include but not limited to students who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID including but not limited to low income students of color, English Language Learners, students with disabilities, homeless students and foster students.
- Employment of a Reading Interventionist to engage in intensive Reading intervention for students in grades 5-8.
- Adoption of Renaissance Learning student assessments for ELA and Math for all grades throughout Waukomis Public Schools.
- Adoption of Mastery Connect correlates teacher planning and Oklahoma State Standards to ensure academic success for all students including students impacted by COVID.
- Outside counseling services in order to meet social, emotional and mental health needs of students.
- The expansion of the Waukomis Public School summer school program to meet the needs of those students who have experienced learning loss.

Part 3: Other ARP ESSER ID Expenditures:

- The addition of a new school pickup will allow Waukomis Public School to deliver meals to students if in-person learning is suspended due to COVID-19.
- The replacement of student lockers throughout the district will allow for greater social distancing among students.
- The addition of a new intercom/phone system will allow for isolation of students with COVID symptoms instead of having those students roaming throughout the hallways.

Part 4: Ensuring Most Vulnerable Populations Unique Needs Are Addressed:

- The demographic of the Waukomis Community identified as disproportionately impacted by COVID are the students associated with low-income families. The use of ARP funds will play a vital role in meeting the needs of those students.

- Academically, the creation of an after-school program will allow for intervention strategies such as smaller class sizes and reading and math intervention in order to fill the gaps from instructional loss due to COVID. Benchmarks will be used to assess students, as well as, the instructional efficacy of the program to make needed adjustments.
- A certified school counselor, as well as, a team of community counselors will be on hand to assist with the social/emotional development that was lost due to COVID. Students will work with the counselors to learn how to build healthy relationships with others.
- In order to meet the mental health needs of students affected during COVID, the district will offer counseling services as well. Counselors will work with teachers to help in identifying those that need assistance with their mental health. Counselors will be available for one-to-one or group counseling. Parents of those students will play a vital role in the success of this process, therefore, counseling will be available for parents if needed.