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To: Sanford School Committee
From: Matt Nelson, Superintendent of Schools
Date: September 28, 2021
Subject: Use of ARP ESSER Funds

Last April, the Sanford School Department convened an Advisory Committee focused on having students safely return to in-person instruction five days a week for the 2021-2022 school year. The Advisory Committee met over a period of four months and explored: ways to address learning loss and support educational recovery; interventions to address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students; and implementation of prevention and mitigation strategies. The Advisory Committee included representation from the following groups and programs:

Central Office Personnel	Administrators	Teachers
Grade Level Leaders	Department Chairs	Counselors
Sanford Teachers Union	Parents	Food Service
Facilities/Maintenance	Special Education	Nurses
Career & Technical Education	Visual & Performing Arts	

The work of the Advisory Committee helped guide our plan for returning to in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year. Our plan was continually updated and remained a standing agenda item and available for public comment at all regular School Committee meetings. We held a public workshop on May 3, 2021 to review our planning and receive feedback for in-person instruction for 2021-2022, summer programming and the use of ESSER funds.

The main tenets of our plan are:

1. Safely reopen all schools to in-person instruction five (5) days a week
2. Address learning loss and focus on educational recovery
3. A focus on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) that addresses the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students.

The School Committee approved our Safe Return to School and Continuity of Instruction Plan 2021-2022 on August 11, 2021 after public review and comment. An overview of the ESSER III budget is listed on the following page.

Cumulative Federal Award Amount:	\$8,543,991.16
Sub-award Amount	\$5,695,994.10
Learning Loss Set Aside Requirement (Minimum 20%):	\$1,708,798.23

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Impact Areas</u>
Class Size Reduction	\$6,195,900.16	Reopening Plan
Reducing Class Sizes		Learning Loss
Supplies	\$100,000.00	Educational Recovery
		Hiring Additional Staff
Summer Programming	\$75,000.00	Educational Recovery
Supplies	\$5,000.00	Learning Loss
		Social Emotional Learning
Summer Camp Tuition	\$7,000.00	Educational Recovery
		Learning Loss
		Social Emotional Learning
Summer Book Program	\$90,000.00	Educational Recovery
		Learning Loss
Additional Counselors & Social Workers	\$853,230.00	Social Emotional Learning
Technology		Educational Recovery
• Purchased Services	\$50,000.00	Learning Loss
• Supplies	\$150,000.00	
• Equipment	\$150,000.00	
Additional Technology Staffing	\$85,853.00	Educational recovery
Curriculum		Learning Loss
• Purchased Services	\$292,108.00	
• Supplies	\$114,900.00	
Transportation	\$100,000.00	Reopening Plan
		Learning Loss
		Educational Recovery
After-school Programming		Educational Recovery
• Staffing	\$250,000.00	Learning Loss
• Supplies	\$25,000.00	