

## McPherson County Schools American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER III Grant Funds

McPherson County Schools has received \$83,175 from the Nebraska Department of Education through the state's American Rescue Plan ESSER III Grant allotment. Following the parameters of the grant, a needs assessment was done to determine the best usage of these federal dollars. There were three needs determined to be high priority within the district. 1) The replacement of the well on the secondary school's campus. 2) Replace/purchase a second bus. 3) Invest in high quality learning materials and technology in the areas of Math and English Language Arts (ELA).

- 1.) By replacing the well system, we will be able to open school on time and provide the necessary water for facility cleaning/sanitizing and proper hygiene.
- 2.) By purchasing a second bus, we will be able to transport students to/from school and to activities in a safe/clean environment.
- 3.) By investing in high quality learning materials and technology, the district will be better able to prescriptively address the individual learning needs of our students, translating to an increase in their performance and further closing any gap(s) between demographic profiles.

As per the requirements of the grant the district is to prioritize at least 20% of the grant award to address learning loss. In McPherson County Schools situation 20% translates to \$16,635 being prioritized for this purpose. The district has incorporated this priority into number 3 of our identified needs, as Math and ELA are areas we have identified learning loss taking place. For our investment into high quality learning materials and technology the district has allotted for at least this required amount and will also use the balance of funds, after the replacement of the well system and bus purchase, to assist in addressing this area of need.

Math and English Language Arts high quality learning materials and technology will be identified and selected through a collaborative process with McPherson County Schools' School Improvement Team, classroom teachers, administration and its board of education working in conjunction with ESU 16 and the Nebraska Department of Education.