

ARP-ESSER III USE OF FUNDS PLAN

JULY 2021

Consistent with section 2001(e) of the ARP Act, Somonauk CUSD 432 has developed a Use of Funds Plan. This plan was developed with information garnered from the student, parent, staff surveys from the 2020-2021 school year, CDC guidance for schools, and lessons learned from the 2020-2021 school year. This Use of Funds Plan is organized by three guiding principles: physical health and safety, social-emotional well-being, and academic growth and achievement.

Physical Health & Safety

ARP-ESSER III Funds will be used to replace the HVAC unit in the MS gym. Of all of our units, it is the oldest and least efficient. This will enhance the purification in an area where students are most likely to lower their masks.

Social-Emotional Well-being

In order to provide support for social emotional support, we are hiring a Behavior specialist for FY 22 and FY23. This person will provide support for student who are having difficulties as well as provide professional development in the area of supporting social-emotional health for staff members.

Academic Growth & Achievement

ARP-ESSER III requires that a minimum of 20% of the total allocation be used to address the potential impact of lost instructional time. Somonauk is allocating 60% of the funds for this purpose. Extended learning opportunities at no cost to families will be offered after school and through the summers of 2022 and 2023 utilizing these funds. In addition, we are hiring a reading specialist at the middle school to address the issue of reading struggles. This teacher will pull out, push-in and provide professional development.

Professional Development will be provided for teachers in the areas of using evidence-based interventions that target and support learning variance in classrooms and target and support diverse learners. curricular resources, technology platforms, and web-based subscriptions that support the instructional needs of the classroom will be purchased.

ARP-ESSER III Distribution

Category	Dollar amount	Percent of total
Physical Health & Safety	185,725	28
Social-Emotional Well-Being	55,268	12
Academic Growth & Achievement	407,101	60