

COVID Related Grant Funding

Menands Union Free School District

UPDATE December 12, 2022

Initial Funding Sources

Federal Coronavirus & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021(CRRSA Act)

- 20-21 thru 22-23 School Year including August of 2023
- Two Funding Streams
- Governor's Emergency Relief Fund (GEER) : \$ 7,772.00
 - 6 Allowable Activities/Categories
- Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER): \$399,061.00
 - 15 Allowable Activities/Categories

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) \$802,041.00

- 21-22 thru 23-24 School Year
- Most Restrictive
- Minimum 20% dedicated to Learning Loss

Strategy in Designating Funds

Awareness of the Allowable Activities/Categories

Needs Arising from COVID:

- **Student Data**
- **Input from Staff**
- **Feedback from Parents & Families**

District Goals

Allocating Current Expenses to the Grant Funding to Maximize General Fund Dollars & Generate Revenue

Consideration of Available Time Periods & Plan for Compensating Accordingly

Being Mindful of Maintaining Implemented Items Beyond the Grant Cycle if needed

Initial Plan & Uses to Date

GEER:

Implementation of Research Based Curriculum:

~ Discovery Education (year 1)

Safety Measures to Support Ongoing Functionality

~ Additional Camera Enabled/Security Phone

These funds have been fully expended as originally planned.

Initial Plan & Use to Date

ESSER:

Continued Implementation of Research Based Curriculum

- ~ Discovery Education (remaining years)
- ~ Summer Curriculum Development

Implementation of Social Emotional Learning Curriculum

- ~ Fly 5 & Responsive Classroom

Professional Development & Supports for Staff

- ~ Instructional Coach
- ~ Summer Curriculum Development

Provision of Mental Health Services and Supports

- ~ Social Worker inclusive of summer hours
- ~ Summer Hours for School Counselor

These funds have been utilized as originally planned, but costs were less than originally budgeted

Initial Plan & Use to Date

American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Specific to Learning Loss Requirement:

Academic Intervention Services Dedicated Specifically to Mathematics

~ AIS Math Teacher

Expanded & Targeted Summer Program Opportunities

~ Summer School Opportunities

Professional Development Opportunities to Support research Based Best Practice in Academics &

Social Emotional Learning

~ Building Substitute

~ Wilson training

~ EnVision Training

Other (Inclusive of Instruction & Health & Safety):

Staffing to Address COVID Needs

~ Additional Cafeteria Staff

~ Monitor

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As Shared in the Initial Community Presentation July 2021

- There are still many unknowns
- We have planned based on what we know to be true at this moment in time
- As additional guidance & information is forthcoming we will adjust accordingly, and aligned with the same strategy
- This is a fluid plan that can and will change

Adjustments to Date & Proposed

- An initial amendment to support the one time cost of upgrading and enhancing safety, in particular a new emergency notification and PA system.
 - Installed in summer 2022
- Additional amendment to further enhance security upgrades, including finalizing upgrades to the PA system (non-instructional areas), and installation of cameras both interior and exterior, and upgrading secure entries to include direct contact with emergency response services
 - Anticipated Installation spring & Summer of 2023
- Our goal is to fully expand all funding available and as allowable and to maximize the health, safety and well being of our students.

Posting of Plan & Public Comment

This Plan along with the initial plan is posted to the District Web Page www.menands.org

Specific Questions can be directed to Dr. Maureen A. Long

Public Comment will be accepted via the following email address:

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