

Federal Stimulus Funding Opportunity

*Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief
(ESSER)*

Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, June 15, 2021



EAST ROCHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda

- Federal Funds Comparison
- Planning for Progress
- Addressing Challenges
- Next Steps



Federal Grant Allocations to NYS Public Schools

- CARES Act (ESSER I) = Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act
 - \$423,776 to East Rochester Schools
- CRRSA Act (ESSER II) = Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act
 - \$1,155,836 to East Rochester Schools (**Application Due June 30, 2021**)
- ARP Act (ESSER III) = American Rescue Plan Act
 - *Approximately \$2.6 million** to East Rochester Schools

**Amount Not Finalized*

Nationwide Federal Allocations & Timelines



Allowable Uses of CRRSA & ARP Funds

- Initiatives to prepare/prevent/respond to COVID-19
- Activities to address all students specifically:
 - low-income; disabled; English Learners; Racial and Ethnic minorities; homelessness; and foster care student populations
- Supplies to sanitize/clean facilities and provide professional development on sanitization
- Planning for long-term closures (meals, technology)
- Instructional technology

Allowable Uses of CRRSA & ARP Funds

- Provide mental health services and supports
- Initiatives related to summer/after-school learning/enrichment
- Addressing academic impact of lost instructional time
- Facility repairs/improvements to reduce virus transmission risk
- Other activities necessary to maintain operations, continuity of services, and to continue to employ existing staff

Allowable Uses of ARP Funds

Addressing Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time

- Use of high-quality assessments to track academic progress
- Implement evidence-based activities to meet student needs
- Provide information and assistance to parents and families on how to effectively support students
- Tracking student attendance and improving engagement in a distance education environment

ARP Funds: “Learning Loss” Requirement

East Rochester School District's
portion = approximately \$520,000



ARP Information Requirements

- Seek public and school community comment
- Post *Funding Plan by Year* on district website
- Post an *Updated Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan*



Planning for Progress: *Summer 2021*

Tentative Programming Based on Staffing

- Elementary:
 - Expansion of Summer Learning Academy Grades K-6
- Middle Level / High School
 - Summer literacy support for ELL students
 - In-house programming
 - Collaboration with local districts
 - High Intensity Tutoring
 - Math Jump Program



Planning for Progress: *Fall 2021 & Beyond*

- Increased mental health support
- Elementary Response to Intervention (RtI) support
- Enhanced program support for English Language Learners
 - Increased staffing
 - Enhanced curriculum resources/materials
- Professional Learning for Faculty/Staff
 - Literacy, culturally responsive practices, trauma informed care, restorative practices, social emotional learning and wellness
- Operations
 - Cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Instructional supplies for reopening schools
 - Ventilation system upgrades



Addressing Challenges

- Application and posting dates keep changing
- Staffing shortages for new initiatives
- Professional development
- Continuous multiple new other initiatives from NYS
- Planning for the loss of federal stimulus funds (ESSER)



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