

Safe Return Plan & ARP ESSER Funding

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Safe Return Plan

The district must complete a Safe Return Plan and provide an opportunity for input from the public. This plan, from the Federal Government, is intended for schools across the state and the country that are or have utilized American Rescue Plan funds.

- Universal and correct wearing of masks
 - Mask wearing will be reflected by the current guidance demonstrated by the Governor's Executive Orders and/or the NJDOH
- Physical distancing
 - The district will follow social distancing guidelines, as issued by the NJDOH

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- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
 - The district will promote proper handwashing techniques as well as respiratory etiquette by
 - Placing signage on the exterior door and the inside spaces of the toileting rooms in all schools
 - Placing hand sanitizer at the entry of the building and in the cafeterias
 - Students and staff will be encouraged to wash hands or use hand sanitizer before eating
- Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation
 - ESSER/ARP funds will be utilized to make upgrades to the district's HVAC system

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- Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments
 - All contact tracing will be conducted within the NJDOE/NJDOH guidelines
 - All close contacts will be required to quarantine in accordance with the NJDOH and NJDOE guidelines
- Diagnostic and screening testing
 - The district will not conduct Covid-19 testing at its facilities
 - The district will continue to encourage any individuals with Covid-19 symptoms to be tested

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- Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible
 - The district will make every effort to help prioritize vaccinations for staff by continuing to work with a local hospital
 - The district will not provide vaccines to educators, staff, or students
- Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies
 - All students' IEPs and 504 Accommodation Plans will be followed

Use of Funding: Learning Acceleration

Total ARP/ESSER III Funds: \$1,861,478

Grade Level	Program Description	Year 1 - 21/22	Year 2 - 22/23	Year 3 - 23/24	Total
2-5	Elementary After School Enrichment	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$150,000
6-8	MS After School Enrichment	\$10,000			\$10,000
9-12	HS After School Enrichment	\$14,723			\$14,723
K-5	Math & Reading Instructional Technology: Bridges, Foundations, RazKids	\$113,820			\$113,820
6-8	MS Saturday Skills Remediation	\$42,200			\$42,200
9-12	HS Saturday Credit Recovery	\$42,200			\$42,200
6-12	Admin Saturday Coverage MS/HS	\$10,500			\$10,500
	Total Learning Acceleration	\$283,443	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$383,443

Proposed Use of Funding: Other

Category	Description	Amount
Technology	Student Devices	\$179,059
Facilities	Ventilation: HVAC/Window Replacement	\$1,000,000
Supplies	PPE - Gloves, hand sanitizer, tents, masks, Nurse & Facilities PPE, Wipes, Disinfectant	\$25,000
Staffing	Daily Subs to facilitate Social Distancing	\$180,000
Staffing	Cafeteria Aides - 4 Elementary Schools	\$68,976
Facilities	Storage	\$25,000
	Total Other	\$1,478,035

Public Hearing