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District to receive additional stimulus funds

Enhanced delivery models and expanded learning opportunities among plans

Davis School District plans to enhance delivery models and expand learning opportunities for students with \$18.9 million in additional stimulus funds.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Logan Toone told the Board of Education on Tuesday the funds will be used to address student learning gaps and missed academic opportunities caused by the pandemic.

“We have the opportunity to receive some additional CARES funding and there will be many priorities for using those funds in a way that really enhances our response and benefits our students to the greatest degree,” said Toone.

“One of our priorities for academic use of CARES funding is to enhance the delivery method through technology purchases, teacher training and direction of best practices on delivery,” he said.

In terms of assessing student learning gaps, the district will work with teacher teams to identify student competencies and determine the most effective academic responses.

“We have concerns about students and prerequisite knowledge that they haven’t developed during this period of time that they need to be successful at the next level,” said Toone. “We need extensions of learning time to remediate a lot of those cases.”

Consequently, the district would like to significantly expand summer school options — both online and in person — to help students who need additional learning beyond what can be obtained in a regular school day.

The district is also looking at a variety of experiences and settings for students in all grades, spanning from basic requisite literacy skills to students who

need English credits in order to get their diploma. “The expansions and enhancement of learning are critical. We want to supplement their learning in a way that develops love for learning and passion for the things they are doing,” said Toone.

In terms of enhanced delivery models, cameras will be an option in most classrooms at some point. Teacher

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Increased CTE funding allows for new center and expanded programs

The Career and Technical Education program in Davis School District is expanding as its revenue sources continue to grow.

Plans are moving forward with a new CTE center located near Barnes Park at 1265 W. Sportsplex Drive in Kaysville. Construction bids are in the process for the remodel of the former Tax Works (H&R Block) building purchased by the district.

Assistant Superintendent Dr.

Logan Toone told members of the Board of Education that programs at the center will be offered on a semester and year-long basis.

Programs will include cyber security, informational technology, medical assisting, pharmacy tech, entrepreneurship, unmanned aircraft and digital media.

It is estimated that a portion of the programs offered at the center will be available for students beginning January of 2022.

The magnet opportunity will allow students to remain in their high schools and travel to the CTE building for a double-block class period, Toone said. The district is working on transportation for students from their high school to the center and back to their high school.

In addition to programs at the new center, CTE courses will still continue at high schools in the district.

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Martin Luther King Jr. speech contest second-place winner and Lincoln Elementary fourth-grade student Jesus Garcia is recognized by the board.

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training will be offered on delivery of the real-time instruction. Off-site students would then be able to access instruction happening in the classroom.

The process is still in the early development stage, he said, with pilot equipment now being installed in 33 classrooms across the district. Teachers working with the pilot equipment will have the option to record a live feed all day long or record a specific lesson that can be archived.

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ally strong CTE program ... because this makes a difference for students every single day in their lives,” said Superintendent Reid Newey.

As a result of increased funding from various revenue sources, the CTE department has also been able to update equipment and expand program offerings at schools throughout the district.

Northridge High was able to build a machining lab for students going into manufacturing, and a composites program has been incorporated at Farmington, Northridge, Syracuse and Woods Cross High Schools, with plans to add the program at Clearfield High next year.

Computer programming courses will be included at Viewmont High next year and plans are in place to expand the new audio essentials and drone program throughout the district.

Future plans include remodels to Family Consumer Science food labs, particularly junior high labs Career and Technical Education Director Jay Welk said, where some equipment hasn't been updated in over 30 years.

Fewer quarantines after guideline modifications

The number of students in the district required to quarantine because of COVID-19 has gone down significantly. Since modifications were made by the state of Utah, students no longer need to quarantine following a mask-to-mask COVID-19 exposure.

Prior to the change, over 1,000 students per week were required to quarantine after an exposure, Assistant Superintendent John Zurbuchen told the Davis School District Board of Education Tuesday. Quarantine numbers have decreased to under 50 students per week.

“That literally translates into hundreds of kids in school, rather than being quarantined,” said Zurbuchen.

Consequently, the need for the district to run a rapid-test site at the Freeport Center is no longer viable with fewer students being tested to return to school.

However, the Utah Department of Health is still conducting free rapid COVID-19 testing to any member of the public in Building C-5 in the Freeport Center. The hours of operation are: Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon, Fridays from 9 a.m. until noon and Saturdays from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Utah Department of Health will also conduct those free rapid COVID-19 tests at Woods Cross High School. The hours of operation are: Fridays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This schedule will be in effect until February 28. The free rapid testing sites operated by the Utah Department of Health as scheduled above will accept those with COVID symptoms and those without.

Another modification from the state decreases the number of days a school is required to be in soft closure from 14 to 10. If a school meets the soft-closure COVID-19 case threshold, there may be an option to test all students. If 80 percent of the student body is tested, school can remain in session for those who test negative.