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Dear Columbia Elementary Family,

Great things continue to happen at your child's school. Recently, we were allotted ESSER II (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund) funding. We received \$62,472 with a charge to create a 2-year plan to primarily address the needs of our most at-risk demographic sub-groups (students with disabilities, English learners, low-income, mobile students, and ethnic minorities). While the plan certainly had to be approved by supervisors, I think it's awesome that we were able to decide, at the school level, how to best allocate this funding to help children excel.

Over the course of a few weeks, I was able to collaborate ideas and direction with our teachers. Basically, we determined the most effective use of these funds would be to provide additional aide support for our special education resource class. We also decide to fund a part-time certified (licensed) teacher to serve as a language arts specialist to provide additional needed and targeted support for struggling readers in grades K-6. A smaller amount of funding will provide for cleaning/disinfecting materials, computer mice for classes with laptops, and replacement headsets.

Our School Community Council also recently wrapped up our effort in creating the 2021-2022 School Improvement Plan. The final draft has been submitted to the Davis School District School Board for approval. When it is approved and finalized, I'll share that plan with you too.

Please check out the attached file if you'd like to see more details about our ESSER II plan.

Have a great week!

Dr. Darryl Denhalter, Principal