



# Hawthorne Cedar Knolls UFSD

## 2021 – 2022

### Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) & American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER – 2

#### **Overview:**

Like many school districts and businesses in New York State and across the country, the Hawthorne Cedar Knolls UFSD's census and financial stability were severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and has had a challenging 16 months (March 2020 - present). This negatively impacted our staffing, program and community. Subsequently, the CRRSA & ARP-ESSER-2 funding will help as we rebuild and recover from the impact of Covid-19.

The Hawthorne Cedar Knolls UFSD now begins to look towards the 2021-2022 school year and the future. The Hawthorne Cedar Knolls UFSD opened in 1939 and has been serving students with disabilities (Emotional Disturbance, Intellectual Disability, Learning Disability, Multiple Disabilities, Other Health Impairment, Speech or Language Impairment and Traumatic Brain Injury) from 5-21 years of age. We provide a therapeutic learning environment that focuses on the educational, social-emotional and behavioral management needs of our students. We are strength-based and incorporate Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS), Emotional Intelligence (EI) and Restorative Justice Practices to help teach and reinforce target behaviors so our students can be successful in school, at home and in the community.

At Hawthorne Cedar Knolls, we specialize in working with students with severe emotional disabilities and those diagnosed with psychiatric disorders. Our strong social-emotional program teaches and manages youth that have not been successful in traditional and alternative school settings. Many of our students have difficulty expressing themselves which manifest in atypical and often physically aggressive and destructive behavior.

As schools begin to reopen for in-person instruction and the demand for additional social-emotional and behavioral support increases for students with disabilities, the Hawthorne Cedar Knolls UFSD will assist districts that are having difficulty finding a school placement for their students in need of support.

Another important advantage is that the Hawthorne Cedar Knolls UFSD is located in central Westchester and can accommodate students from Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties as well as the five boroughs of NYC. Our geographical location allows for convenient access for students from all over the Hudson Valley and NYC, and we currently serve students from these areas.



### **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA):**

The **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA)** Act was signed into law on December 27, 2020. It provides additional money for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund created by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in March 2020.

The Hawthorne Cedar Knolls UFSD was allocated \$325,282.00 under the CRRSA Act. Below is the district's distribution/ allocation of CRRSA funds:

- \$167,398 - 6 week Summer School Teachers, Counselors and related services: Maintain the operation of and continuity of services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff. Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of low income students, students with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care.
- \$101,240 - 6 week Summer School Support Staff including Teacher Assistant, School Monitors, Teacher Aides (para-professional) and Student Support Staff (para-professions): Maintain the operation of and continuity of services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff. Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of low income students, students with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care.
- \$56,644 – a portion of the 12 month Nurse, LPN salary. We hired an LPN during the 2020-2021 school year, to have a nurse in each school building during the pandemic and our return to in-person instruction. We will continue to employ an LPN during the 2021-2022 school year as part of our health and safety protocol and response to Covid-19.

### **American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER – 2:**

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, was enacted on March 11, 2021. The ARP Act provided significant additional funding for educational entities to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds.

The Hawthorne Cedar Knolls UFSD was allocated \$730,537.00 under the ARP-ESSER 2 Act. Below is the district's distribution/ allocation of the ARP-ESSER-2 funds:

- \$550,660.00 - Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in the LEA and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA. School Teachers, Counselors and related services: Maintain the operation of and continuity of services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff. Planning and implementing activities related to learning including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the 2021-2022 school year and



- addressing the needs of low income students, students with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care.
- Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door repair and replacement:
  - \$21,622.00 - Air conditioning - Cooling Tower Distribution Basin Replacement
  - \$12,571.00 – Air conditioning - Cooling Tower Replacement FAN Support Rail
- \$146,212.00 – 6 week 2022 ESY (Summer School) Program: Designated to hire highly qualified Teachers, Counselors and related service providers. Maintain the operation of and continuity of services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff. Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of low income students, students with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care.