

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations & American Rescue Plan Acts Report

Background-

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund was established in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act on March 27, 2020, and is now further funded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act on December 27, 2020 and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act on March 11, 2021. With the ESSER Fund, the U.S. Department of Education awarded grants to New York State for the purpose of providing local school districts that receive funds under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act with emergency relief funds to address the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the United States.

Under CRRSA, the Mount Pleasant Central School District has received \$208,388, which it has until September 30, 2023 to obligate funds. Under ARP, the Mount Pleasant Central School District has received \$468,010, which it has until September 30, 2024 to obligate funds.

Budget-

Our budget will be structured to allow for flexibility to prioritize funding of the most pressing needs throughout the grant period. The proposed budget seeks to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions and ensure that those interventions respond to students' social, emotional and academic needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19, including:

- evidence-based, summer programs and summer learning;
- evidence-based, supplemental after school programs;
- evidence-based, extended school year programs;
- planning activities during long-term closures, including providing technology for online learning that supports educational interaction between students and teachers;
- providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence-based interventions;
- other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation and continuity of services, including continuing to employ existing or hiring of new staff.

In addition, our proposed budget seeks to support training and infrastructure needs, due to the disproportionate impact of COVID-19, including:

- coordinating preparedness and response efforts with state, local public health departments to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19;
- training and professional development on sanitizing and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases;
- purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean our facilities;
- repairing and improving school facilities to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards;
- improving indoor air quality;
- planning for or implementing activities during long-term closures, including providing meals to eligible students;
- other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation and continuity of services, including continuing to employ existing or hiring of new staff.

Stakeholder Input-

The Mount Pleasant Central School District budget development process is one that includes a great deal of stakeholder input. Members of our school community are invited to participate in a meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 with members of the Board of Education and district administration to provide input and feedback regarding the development of the plan and allocation of CRRSA and ARP funds over the next several years.