

Focus Area

Indian River School District (953600) Public District - FY 2022 - ESSER III (ARP) - Rev 0 - American Rescue Plan (ARP)

PURPOSE: This page is to collect information regarding the use of funds in specific Focus Areas. Check all that apply.

1. 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 on underrepresented student subgroups. (Minimum 20% of Allocation)

\$ 10,828,875.38 * Total Amount of Funds to be spent in support of focus area

* Describe how the proposed activities/use of funds supports the focus area and how the effectiveness of the activities will be assessed.

IRSD will address learning loss by employing teachers and purchasing goods and services that include, but are not limited to, digital curriculum, Reading and Math interventionists, and instructional coaches. Effectiveness will be assessed via observation and analysis of student assessment data. In addition, effectiveness will be assessed through written evaluations of staff members. IRSD will provide compensatory students to special education students who were unable to receive services during the COVID-19 school closures. Effectiveness will be assessed by reconciling the compensatory services that were not provided during the 2019-2020 school year to the compensatory services provided once reopening occurs. IRSD will employ hourly paraprofessionals to support schools with operational, instruction, and social-emotional needs as schools fully reopen. Effectiveness will be assessed through analysis of student data. IRSD will provide summer school programming that will focus on accelerating learning for participating students such as the use of preview to prepare for the future school years and interventions to fill the unfinished learning gaps. This will also include cost of transportation. Effectiveness will be assessed through observation and student assessment data.

2. Develop strategies and implement public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable,

policies in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on reopening and operating schools to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff.

\$ 261,000.00 * Total Amount of Funds to be spent in support of focus area

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IRSD will continue to employ 2 itinerant nurses that will gather data, assess, and respond to COVID-19 exposures throughout the district. Effectiveness will be assessed by observation of district response.

3. Coordinating preparedness and response efforts with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

\$ 2,330.62 * Total Amount of Funds to be spent in support of focus area

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IRSD will purchase equipment to store vaccinations at appropriate temperatures at our school wellness centers. Effectiveness will be assessed by observation of the wellness center operations.

4. Training and professional development on sanitizing and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.

5. Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the LEA's facilities.

6. Repairing and improving school facilities to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards.

7. Improving indoor air quality.

8. Addressing the needs of children from low-income families, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth.

\$ 1,123,000.00 * Total Amount of Funds to be spent in support of focus area

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IRSD will hire employees to address various needs of students, including but not limited to, bilingual community liaisons/secretaries, instruction coaches, and an equity specialist. Effectiveness will be assessed via observation and assessment of student populations and analysis of student data. In addition, effectiveness will be assessed through written evaluations of staff members.

9. Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of LEAs.

\$ 1,700,000.00 * Total Amount of Funds to be spent in support of focus area

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IRSD will continue to employ temporary custodians to assist with cleaning and sanitizing school buildings to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Effectiveness will be assessed through adherence to cleaning protocols.

10. Planning for or implementing activities during long-term closures, including providing meals to eligible students and providing technology for online learning.

\$ 2,375,000.00 * Total Amount of Funds to be spent in support of focus area

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IRSD will employ remote teachers for students who require a remote academy during the 2021-2022 school year. Effectiveness will be assessed through analysis of student data for those in the program.

11. Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, connectivity, assistive technology, and adaptive equipment) for students that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including students from low-income families and children with disabilities.

\$ 3,515,000.00 * Total Amount of Funds to be spent in support of focus area

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IRSD will purchase computers/tablets and related supplies/materials to provide each student with a dedicated device and the digital resources necessary for virtual success; replace other technology, such as Smart Boards and teacher devices, to ensure all platforms are up-to-date and work with the latest technology. IRSD will also use funds for any repairs necessary when the computers/tablets are returned. Effectiveness will be assessed based on the number of students needing computers/tablets and the amount already owned by the District.

12. Providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence-based full-service community schools and the hiring of counselors.

\$ 3,000,000.00 * Total Amount of Funds to be spent in support of focus area

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IRSD will provide mental health screeners, services, and supports for students and staff affected by the COVID-19 school closures and reopening. Effectiveness will be assessed via monitoring of counselors and processes and analysis of student data.

13. Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental after-school programs.

\$ 3,000,000.00 * Total Amount of Funds to be spent in support of focus area

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IRSD will provide after school programming to address learning loss from special populations of students across the district. This will also include cost of transportation. Effectiveness will be assessed through observation and student

assessment data.

14. Other activities that are necessary to maintain operation of and continuity of and services, including continuing to employ existing or hiring new LEA and school staff

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indirect costs