

## **Ashland Elementary School**

ESSER III Requirement - *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service*

### **Notification of Plan Update**

Ashland School Board Meeting – April 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. – Public Input Time Provided; Publicly Posted

### **Overview of ESSER Funds & *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan Requirement***

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) made a third round of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) funds available to schools. Ashland Elementary School was awarded \$609,427.82 of ESSER III funds and previously received \$271,090.95 of funds through Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSA) Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief (ESSER II). The ESSER II and ESSER III funds in the combined amount of \$634,211.08 are being used to support the installation of mechanical ventilation for the School. Additionally, funds have been used to support an additional Teacher (2021 – 2022; 2022 – 2023) to address through academic interventions unfinished learning for students. A full listing of use of funds for Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security Act (CARES) of 2020 ESSER I, CRRSA ESSER II, and ARPA ESSER III can be found at <https://sau2.k12.nh.us/opening-plans>.

Any questions regarding ESSER funding may be directed to Mary Moriarty, Superintendent of Schools at (603) 279 -7947 or [mary.moriarty@interlakes.org](mailto:mary.moriarty@interlakes.org).

The School District for ESSER III funds must meet a statutory requirement to review and, as appropriate, revise its *Plan for the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services* at least every six months through the award period, but the School District will not need to submit updated plans to the New Hampshire Department of Education for the 2022-2023 school year.

As normal operations are planned for the 2022 – 2023 school year, the previous 2021 – 2022 Opening Plan which met the *Plan for the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service* requirement will be replaced with the following:

- Normal pre-COVID-19 school operations will be in place for the 2022 – 2023 school year.
- All academic, social, and emotional supports including access to food will be provided through in-person learning at Ashland Elementary School. There will not be a remote option provided this school year.
- Any requirements related to COVID-19 required by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services and New Hampshire Department of Education will be met.
- Expectations for individuals experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 will be communicated by the School Nurse at the start of the school year and will meet the requirements established from the NH Department of Health and Human Services. Updates will be provided as required.
- Information regarding cases of COVID-19 within the School will not be communicated unless the School District is directed to do so by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services.
- Individuals have the personal option to wear a face covering.
- Families with concerns, should make an appointment to discuss them with Mrs. Avery, Principal and other staff as appropriate.