



**Jackson-Milton Local Schools
ARP ESSER Funding Plan**

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Section 1: Introduction

The purpose of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Elementary and Secondary school emergency relief (ESSER) III fund is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impacts of Covid-19 on the nation's students by addressing students academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. Jackson-Milton Local Schools has been awarded \$1,254,106.60 dollars in ESSER III funds. This plan describes how the awarded funds will be used. Questions about this plan should be directed to John Zinger, Treasurer at John.Zinger@jmlocal.com

The Jackson-Milton Local School District has worked closely with Mahoning County Health Department and followed, and will continue to follow, the mitigation strategies and guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and prevention. Jackson-Milton remains committed to safely returning to in-person learning 5 days per week. Jackson-Milton is committed to providing a safe, positive learning environment where all students and staff can adapt, create, collaborate, think critically and meet the challenges of an ever-changing society continues to be our mission.

Section 2: Prevention and Mitigation Strategies

ARP Act ESSER III funds may be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with the most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention(CDC) guidance on reopening schools, In order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning. Jackson-Milton will use approximately \$1,003,000 of its ARP Act ESSER III funds to implement the following prevention and mitigation strategies:

- Improve air quality in school by installing new ventilation systems and geothermal upgrade

- Additional COVID related cleaning/sanitation supplies, water fountains, possible field bathrooms, Bathroom install updates, sanitation and air quality for COVID prevention. Other related to COVID remedy preventions.
- We will be adding additional bleachers for social distancing and specifically adding a concrete pad and walkway using ARP ESSER funds.
- Purchasing educational technology(including hardware, (if applicable, 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

Section 3: Addressing Unfinished Learning

Section 2001 (e)(1) Of the ARP act requires each Local Education Agency (LEA) to use at least 20% of its formula funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time (learning loss) through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive after - school programs, or extended school year programs. Jackson-Milton Local Schools will use approximately \$250,821 of its ARP Act ESSER III funds to address unfinished learning as described below:

- Provide students with Tiered interventions through the purchase and use of Lexia - Core5, Power-up and Rapid Assessment and Amplify..
- Provide expanded academic and enrichment programs for FY 2022 - 2024 with the implementation of AMATROL - STEM curriculum
- Provide access for students and families to a community/school resource officer through the Mahoning County Sheriff Office for FY 2022-2024.

Section 4: Other Uses of Funds

Section 2001(e) of the ARP Act permits school divisions to use the ARP Act ESSER III funding not reserved to address unfinished learning to address the impacts of COVID-19 in a variety of ways. Jackso-Milton will not use any of its ARP Act ESSER III funds in accordance with Section 2001 (e) of the ART Act for the reason described below:

- No other use of funds will be utilized as all funding was used to address unfinished learning and prevention and mitigation strategies

Section 5: Addressing Students' Academic, Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs

Jackson-Milton Local Schools will operate on a five day a week school schedule for any student who wants in person instruction. Jackson-Milton Local Schools will implement targeted interventions during the school day to all students as needed, particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including students from low-income

families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.

Jackson-Milton Local Schools will provide professional development to all staff regarding Social & Emotional Learning (SEL) and trauma. Teachers and instructional staff will incorporate SEL strategies in lessons and student interactions as needed. JM will continue to partner with Alta Counseling Group to provide counseling services as needed to students and staff.

Jackson-Milton Local Schools will continue to provide a nurse at each school. Nurses will oversee isolation areas and assist administrators when responding to potential cases of exposure.

Jackson-Milton will open cafeterias using limited capacity schedules to maintain social distancing between all students and staff while eating or drinking. Tables and chairs will be disinfected between each meal shift.

Athletics will follow the guidelines established by OHSAA and recommendations by the Mahoning County Health Department.

Extracurricular and after school activities will follow all mitigation strategies and procedures that are required during the regular school day.

Section 6: Consultation with Stakeholders and Opportunity for Public Comment

In developing the ARP ESSER Plan, Jackson-Milton conducted consultation in the following ways:

- We sought input from our school Community about our plans for the 2021-2022 school year in addition to the plan for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Possible funding expenditures were discussed at public school board meetings.
- We presented the plan for ARP funding at a public school board meeting.

Section 7: Making the Plan Available to the Public

Jackson-Milton Local School District has taken the following steps to make this plan available to the public:

- The plan is posted at <https://www.jacksonmilton.k12.oh.us/>
- Upon request, a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA may be provided with the plan in an alternative format accessible by contacting Kimberly Fisk, Director of Student Services at 330-538-2257 or via e-mail at Kim.Fisk@jmlocal.com