

# Middle Country Central School District



Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act  
**(CRRSA)**

March 13, 2020 - September 30th, 2023

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this plan is to outline the planned initiatives the Middle Country Central School District (MCCSD) will implement over the next few fiscal years, based on the funding to be received from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act. The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act requires MCCSD to utilize the funds related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to the COVID-19.

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental American Appropriations (CRRSA) Act provides for two types of funding: ESSER II - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II and GEER II - Governor’s Emergency Education Relief II Funds. The funds are eligible to be expended beginning from the date the national emergency was declared, which was March 13, 2020 with an end date of September 30, 2023.

The plan outlined below addresses the requirements as well as provides a framework for how the funding will be allocated.

The plan will be re-evaluated, revised and updated continuously throughout the next three years by MCCSD to ensure that changing needs of our student population are addressed appropriately and funding is efficiently and effectively utilized. Regular reports will continue to be provided at Board of Education meetings.

The plan is available on the website at [www.mccsd.net](http://www.mccsd.net)

**CRRSA Funding Allocations:**

<b><u>Type of Funding</u></b>	<b><u>Funding</u></b>	<b><u>Timeframe</u></b>
GEER II	\$917,774	3/13/2020-9/30/2023
ESSER II Allocation Based on Title I Shares	\$3,121,591	3/13/2020-9/30/2023
ESSER II Discretionary Allocation	\$4,983,041	3/13/2020-9/30/2023
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,022,406</b>	

**Middle Country Central School District Spending:**

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Funding</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Timeframe</u></b>
2020-21 School Year COVID Related Expenses	GEER II & ESSER II	\$5,550,000	3/13/2020-9/30/2023
COVID District Coordinators	ESSER II	\$64,800	3/13/2020-9/30/2023
COVID Operational	ESSER II	\$2,785,750	3/13/2020-9/30/2023
Transportation - Aid Loss	ESSER II	\$391,856	3/13/2020-9/30/2023
Technology	ESSER II	\$230,000	3/13/2020-9/30/2023
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$9,022,406</b>	

**2020-21 School Year COVID Related Expenses**

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>2020-2021</u></b>
2020-21 School Year COVID related expenses	\$5,550,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,550,000</b>

In order to operate the District for the 2020-21 year while being in compliance in terms of social distancing & mask mandates, transportation, art/music/physical education - use of individual supplies, food service, temperature taking, athletics, cleaning protocols and the varied type of educational models provided including in-person, hybrid and a fully remote option, the District incurred over \$6,000,000 in expenses during the school year. The majority of the costs incurred were in the form of salary & benefits. Additional teaching and support staff members were hired due to the social distancing requirements, which required our class sizes to be much smaller than typical, therefore producing more classes than normal. In addition, more staff was needed to teach the fully remote instructional model. Also, in many of the classes, desk barriers were installed where 6 feet social distancing could not be maintained. In addition to the instructional costs that were incurred, the District had to hire 10 additional custodians, one at each of the elementary schools in order to meet the requirements pertaining to cleaning/disinfecting. There were significant costs for masks, gloves, gowns, cleaning & disinfecting, wipes and hand sanitizer, which are all considered consumables and thus required continuous bulk orders. The district installed temperature scanners at multiple

entrances in each of the 15 locations (14 school buildings & 1 admin) due to temperatures being required to be taken daily. In addition, the District cleaned all the ducts in each of the locations as well as upgraded all of the filters district-wide to the recommended Merv-13 filters. In terms of student supplies, many items that would typically be shared amongst the students could no longer be shared and therefore individual supplies had to be purchased. Although the District tried to foresee every impact/cost that could be a result of the COVID-19, and subsequently tried to minimize them, there were continuous costs all throughout the year, particularly in the areas where guidelines changed (ex: Required COVID testing for Athletes). A portion of the costs incurred by the COVID-19 have been covered by the CARES act. The balance of the COVID related 2020-21 costs incurred are being covered here.

**COVID District Coordinators**

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>2020-2021</u></b>	<b><u>2021-22</u></b>	<b><u>2022-23</u></b>
COVID District Coordinators	\$21,600	\$21,600	\$21,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,600</b>	<b>\$21,600</b>	<b>\$21,600</b>

During the Summer of 2020 as well as throughout the entire 2020-21 school year, the District paid via a stipend two staff members to fulfill the role of the COVID Coordinators. These individuals were vital during the re-opening planning process as well as all throughout the year in terms of managing all of the COVID cases, quarantining and any impact resulting from the continuously changing guidelines. These staff members are planned to remain in their roles for the 2021-22 and 22-23 year as well to ensure we remain in compliance, relax restrictions whenever possible and manage anything related to a COVID positive/quarantine/vaccination implementation plan should they arise.

**COVID Operational:**

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>2021-2022</u></b>	<b><u>2022-2023</u></b>	<b><u>2023-2024</u></b>
10 Custodians	\$660,000	\$660,000	
Custodial Cleaning Supplies	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$170,750
PPE - Masks, Gloves, Shields, Hand Sanitizer, Wipes	\$150,000	\$125,000	\$55,000
MERV Filters & Duct Cleaning	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$115,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,160,000</b>	<b>\$1,123,006</b>	<b>\$295,000</b>

In order to ensure our buildings, classrooms and high touch surfaces were cleaned throughout the day, the District had to hire 10 additional custodians (1 for each building) at each of the 10 elementary schools during the 2020-21 year and are planned to continue during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 years. In addition, although we are planning for a more typical 2021-22 school year, these continued additional cleaning responsibilities will be needed to help reduce the spread of COVID and allow our students to continue with in-person learning everyday. In addition, in an effort to ensure we do everything possible to minimize the spread of the virus, for the next few years additional custodial supplies as well as PPE (masks, gloves, shields, hand sanitizer and wipes) supplies will be needed with the highest amount being budgeted in the coming 2021-22 year and decreasing thereafter. The District plans to continue using the recommended Merv-13 filters as well as complete an annual full district-wide duct cleaning/disinfection in efforts to prevent and reduce the spread of the virus.

**Transportation - Loss Of Aid:**

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>2020-2021</u></b>
Transportation - Loss of Aid	\$391,856
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$391,856</b>

Following the March 2020 shutdown as per the Governor, the District continued to employ and compensate the District employees in the Transportation department from March 16th through June 30th, 2020. The District continued to pay its employees in the transportation unit as well as all other full time/permanent employees during that time period as it was encouraged for school districts and all organizations to not lay off their employees at that time. In addition, from March 16th through May 7th, the District operations were placed on standby unknowing if the operations would need to begin operations at a moment's notice since the school closures were happening in two week increments. Although NYS has decided to include the expenses incurred during the time period covering March 16th through to May 7th as eligible in terms of transportation aid, the balance of time covering May 8th through June 30th remains non aidable. Therefore, the loss in aid is budgeted here.

**Technology:**

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>2021-2022</u></b>	<b><u>2022-2023</u></b>	<b><u>2023-2024</u></b>
Chromebooks	\$25,000	\$125,000	\$80,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>

All MCCSD students, as well as designated staff, are equipped with Chromebooks. The initiative is necessary to ensure transition to fully remote instruction, should MCCSD be required to do so, as well as to support in-person learning. The plan covers three years of purchases to facilitate current technology. The replacement Chromebooks are being partially funded here by CRRSA as well as being partially funded by ARP and the SSBA due to the high number of students and staff who need to be equipped with Chromebooks.

**Additional Supporting Documentation:**

Middle Country Central School District [Re-Opening](#) and [Re-Entry Plans](#) - Prior to the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, MCCSD worked extensively with the community, parents and staff to plan for the safe return of students and staff. Surveys were conducted to find out the instructional model preferences as well as concerns of parents and guardians. Students were initially offered hybrid and full remote models. Once the school year began, MCCSD carefully monitored student and staff density, as well as implementation of health and safety guidelines and protocols in each of the buildings. Students were slowly and purposefully phased back into full-time in-person instruction, grade by grade, though the fully remote option remained available.

The re-opening plan was continuously modified throughout the school year to reflect school-based and district-wide changes, which were informed by evolving Executive Orders and Department of Health guidance and requirements, as well as staff and community input. The Re-Opening/Re-Entry Plan presented on at least a monthly basis at live-streamed MCSSD Board of Education meetings. The plan will continue to be reviewed, modified and publicly presented.

In addition to the full MCCSD plan, there are individual building level plans for each of the school buildings. All of the plans are located on the MCCSD's website.