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Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff and BFDC Community,

Below you will see a preliminary budget for the federal funds we are receiving called ARP/ESSER 3 (American Rescue Plan/Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief). BFDC Schools has three years to use these funds to improve our school system.

Twenty percent of the total funds, which is nearly \$300,000, is required by law to be spent on "Learning Loss" that happened during the first year of the Covid Pandemic. Learning loss occurred when students missed the last quarter of the 2019-2020 school year due to the pandemic. Many school districts across our state and nation were not able to hold classes last year. Fortunately, that was not the case for BFDC Schools. We were able to have school for the entire 2020-2021 year.

The majority of these funds will be used for after school and summer enrichment programs for students. To help you understand the chart, 110 level means elementary and 705 means junior high and high school.

As you can see, teaching salaries and benefits for summer school start the expenditure list. SuperKids, Shurley, No Red Ink and Edgenuity are software and other programs to help with learning loss. Additional curriculum and software will be provided for summer and after school enrichment. Exact Path is a program to measure student learning growth.

Programs for social emotional learning (SEL) are important because the pandemic has created great stresses upon our children. Health, first aid and hygiene supplies are intended to support our students in need.

We have purchased one yellow bus and much cleaning and sanitation supplies to continue to mitigate our students' exposure to the Covid-19 virus.

We are working on a plan to install new HVAC units in each classroom. Most of our current heating units are over 60 years old. Air conditioning is presently supplied by window units that are very loud and make it difficult for students to hear. Every classroom is scheduled to get new heat and air conditioning units.

Our school will continue to train staff in minimizing the spread of covid and other diseases. We will also need to replace iPads and Chromebooks that we have purchased over the last four years.

Lastly, we will use ARP funds to pay for utility and operation bills to continue the upkeep of our buildings.

Again, this is a preliminary budget so some items might change a bit because we are trying to predict needs for a three-year period. We are happy to supply this information to you and encourage you to contact us if you have questions. Please call 580-562-4844 or email me at [ljohnson@bfdc.k12.ok.us](mailto:ljohnson@bfdc.k12.ok.us) .

Respectfully yours,



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