

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN MEETING – USE OF FUNDS

ESSER III PROJECT 795

AUGUST 10, 2021

3:30 PM ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA

1. Sign in and welcome. Attending the meeting were Kelli Heinrich, David Eads, James Vines, Tiffany Barnes, Ashley Barnes, Shane Barnes, Deborah Fletchall, Andrea Flippen, Robyn Wilson, Kandi Dodson, Kylee Dodson, Matt Tillson, Christina Britt, Mary Chambers, Chris Munn and Lori Lovett from the Stephens County Health Department.
2. Plan and discuss the American Rescue Plan Uses of Funds for ESSER III  
K-12 Education per plan requirements LEA's must reserve 20% to "address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs, and ensure that such interventions respond to the student's academic, social and emotional needs"  
Superintendent Eads noted that the District has addressed the learning loss by purchasing new and existing reading programs such as Amplify, Project Read and Scholastic programs. Voluntary Tutoring program is being implemented for students 2:30 to 5:30 depending on the number of students two teachers or one teacher and one aide will be present.  
Teachers or aides will be paid a stipend for their service.
3. How the LEA will spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with the uses authorized in section 2001 (e) (2) of the ARP Act  
Superintendent Eads listed several items on the preapproved list: Yellow School Bus for social distancing, Suburban to help with the delivery of meals and a copier for distance learning packet and tutoring packets. Superintendent Eads will be asking the Board for approval to hire a new aide for the elementary to assist with sanitation procedures, additional paperwork associated with packets and tutoring materials, as well as filling in for quarantined employees as that need arises. Funds are also earmarked for COVID 19 maintenance such as chemical, sanitation products and masks, etc. Additional salaries for maintenance workers for the COVID 19 clean up and additional office help for the additional paperwork for Federal Funds granted.
4. How the LEA will ensure that the interventions it implements, including but not limited to those implemented will respond to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by COVID 19, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care and migratory students.

Superintendent Eads addressed the implementation for academic, social, emotional and mental health needs. An additional Counselor has been added to the roster and as above mentioned the need to deliver meals to the students by purchasing an additional suburban. An additional aide to help where needed. A yellow bus to help with the needed social distancing. Hot spots and packets to be used and prepared for the students, tutoring to make sure all students are receiving the proper instruction.

The Stephens County Health Department officials that were present gave a summary of the Delta strain effect on the County. The discussion of Flu and COVID vaccines was discussed with a time frame and a place to administer the vaccines this fall.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.