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ARP-ESSER III Plan for Use of Funds Kingston Public Schools Kingston, Oklahoma

As required by the Oklahoma Department of Education, Kingston Public Schools has been in collaboration with stakeholders in both group and individual meetings as well as engaging public comment through web survey as to the effective use of the American Rescue Plan (ARP-ESSER III) funds. The following plan has been gleaned through these efforts and collaborations.

The greatest focus for using the ARP-ESSER III funds is to prevent, prepare, and respond from the effects of COVID. In offering open-campus, back-to-school learning, Kingston strives to the greatest extent possible to provide safe management strategies with consultation from the state health agencies and making the best purchasing decisions with the monies provided to prevent the closing of Kingston Public Schools during the 2021-2024 school years. Kingston Public Schools plan to update cleaning practices in the school facilities. We plan to continue to improve security and technology to allow for one-on-one computer use by students. Additionally, Kingston Public Schools will use monies to operate school as normal while providing classroom needs.

Strategies for Prevent, Prepare and Respond to the effects of COVID-19

Kingston Public Schools budget for ESSER III funds are \$4,251,198.57. Budgeted item and description are:

The LEA plans to utilize the 20% of funds (\$850,379.72) to address the academic impact of lost instruction time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions. Which will include, but not limited to:

- Additional staff; One School Based Speech Pathologist, One Contracted School Based Speech Pathologist, One Licensed Clinical Social Worker, One Licensed Mental Health Professional, Extra Classroom Teachers and Paras.
- Construction of Outdoor Adaptive Classroom/Playground to increase open air instruction at the Elementary Site. This will allow for better social distancing of students and staff.
- Summer School for the Elementary, before and after school tutoring, Saturday School for credit recovery and online curriculum
- Purchase and repair of school owned Band instruments to help prevent the spread of COVID.

Kingston will ensure that the interventions it implements will respond to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of our students, and particularly to those students disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, including students from low-income families, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, migratory students and children in foster care.

Kingston Public Schools will closely adhere to the guidelines set in ARP ESSER III use of funds consistent with the uses authorized by section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP act. Our remaining amount after reserving the 20% will be **\$3,401,518.85**. The money will be used over the next 3 years. Ideas include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Staff Training and Retention, School Wide Professional Development.
- Construction of the addition to the weight room at the High/Middle School. This will double the space for our students to social distance to help prevent the spread of COVID while in the PE Class. Also with this addition we plan to purchase weight equipment for our students to be able to spread out while completing their PE Class goals.
- Setting up a STEM Esports classroom for High/Middle School with the purchase of furniture, technology and supplies.
- Remodel Bathrooms throughout the LEA.
- Floor replacement for air and moisture quality in the Elementary Auditorium due to water damage.
- Roof replacement at the High School. (To improve air quality due to leaking roof.)
- Classroom furniture, equipment, supplies. (To Ensure Social Distancing)
- Technology, Chromebooks, Interactive TV Boards, Laptops, Software, ect. (To help improve classroom and distance learning capabilities.)
- Building Operations: Furniture, Fixtures, Cleaning and Sanitizing Supplies. (To spread out students and Sanitize the Facilities)
- HVAC unit replacements for air quality and energy efficiency.