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The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides Pennsylvania with \$4.9 billion in emergency funds to support the long-term work of educational recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the \$4.9 billion, at least 90 percent of the funds will flow to eligible public school districts and charter schools. The Riverview School District's allotment of these funds were allocated at \$1,404,366. Funds may be utilized for allowable expenses as outlined in the grant dating back to March 13, 2020 through September 30, 2024. ARP ESSER funding is intended to address the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on our most vulnerable students, as well as mitigation strategies that address Covid-19 learning loss, meeting students' social, emotional, mental health and academic needs, summer programming, cleaning and disinfection supplies and equipment, and staff capacity. For a more detailed list of allowable expenses, please refer to the [Pennsylvania Department of Education Summary of Key ARP Provisions](#).

The Riverview School District is planning to utilize the allotted ARP ESSER III funding, in compliance with the grant requirements, to support our efforts and the general operating budget in employing a wide range of strategies to address needs in the areas of academics, social, emotional and mental health, instructional tools and technology, and cleaning and disinfecting supplies and equipment in the following ways:

- Two years of grant funded academic coaches (1 at each school) to address learning loss for small groups of students in Math and ELA
- 1:1 iPads for all K-2 students
- Instructional supports for reading, language arts, and spelling instruction for special education students in grades K-5
- Staff professional development for harnessing to support personalized education for all students
- Teacher laptops to support virtual learning and digital resources for students K-12
- District network upgrades to accommodate the new 1:1 initiative and demands thereof
- Two years of additional K-12 mental health support services for students experiencing mental health needs due to the pandemic
- Digital diagnostic assessments and curriculum for all K-8 students in ELA and Math for learning loss and acceleration
- Upgraded maintenance and cleaning equipment for eradicating viruses and airborne pathogens
- District-wide touch free cleaning equipment and appliances
- Additional cleaning, virus, and airborne pathogen mitigation supplies, and disinfectants to meet the increased demands of the pandemic

Additional ESSERS funds (previously expended in earlier years and disbursements) were designated to cleaning and disinfecting supplies, personal protective equipment, mental health support, webcams, Promethean boards, 1:1 technology for all students, digital tools for college and career readiness, and e-learning curriculum for learning loss in ELA and Math.

\*If you would like to comment on how the Riverview School District is planning to utilize the allotted ARP ESSER III funding, in compliance with the grant requirements, please email us at: [ESSERS@rsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:ESSERS@rsd.k12.pa.us)

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