



American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund III Funding Plan

The overarching purpose of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Fund is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impacts of COVID-19 on the nation's students by addressing students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. Some of the uses of funds for this program as specified in the ARP Act are: strategies and supports to address learning loss including interventions to support academic, social, and emotional needs; coordination with other agencies to improve coordinated responses to coronavirus, training and professional development for staff on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases, purchasing educational technology, providing mental health services and supports, planning for summer learning, school facility repairs and improvements to enable operations of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission, projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, and other activities that are necessary to maintain school operations and services.

Lexington City Schools has posted a plan for the safe return of in-person instruction on our division website and plans to reopen school in August five days/week for all students. During the past year and a half, Lexington City Schools has gathered information, listened to feedback and suggestions, and reflected upon the challenges and needs that the pandemic has presented to our school community. We have identified several key areas on which to focus spending during the period of this funding allocation:

- ❑ To support addressing learning loss and the academic, social, and emotional needs of students, funds will be allocated for:
 - ❑ Expanded summer school opportunities K-8 including staffing and instructional materials;
 - ❑ Summer curriculum planning to focus on instructional planning K-8;
 - ❑ Hiring an additional Reading Specialist for Harrington Waddell Elementary School;
 - ❑ Social/Emotional learning resources and supports;
 - ❑ Replacement Chromebooks to support classroom and online learning.
- ❑ To support our facilities:
 - ❑ Hire an additional part-time custodian for Harrington Waddell Elementary School;
 - ❑ Replace bathroom dispensers for hand washing/sanitation;
 - ❑ Air quality maintenance support.
- ❑ To support safe and healthy learning environments:
 - ❑ Expand outdoor learning spaces with seating and possible shade structures for both schools.

As we develop this spending plan for the school division, we invite stakeholders to offer ideas or suggestions for consideration. If you would like to offer input for consideration, please email Jason White at jwhite@lexedu.org by June 10th. Thank you for your continued support of the Lexington City Schools.