

WATERFORD-HALFMOON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT USE OF FUNDS PLAN

The District is required to post a plan describing, the extent to which and how the funds will be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the extent practicable, consistent with CDC guidance; how the LEA will use the funds it reserves under section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act to address the academic impact of lost instructional time; how the LEA will use its remaining ARP ESSER funds; and how the LEA will ensure the interventions it implements will respond to the social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs of all students and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The District met with stakeholders to discuss and develop its plan for the use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds. This plan was also discussed with the Board of Education and Community on June 17, 2021.

The District's plan for using American Rescue Plan Act Funds includes the following:

The District is hiring one new teaching assistant and two new academic intervention services teachers at the high school level to assist students struggling with learning loss. At the elementary school level, the District will provide an after school program to assist students struggling with learning loss. These programs are expected to continue from 2021-2022 through the 2023-2024 school year. The total cost of these initiatives (including employee benefits) is expected to be \$733,880.

Additionally, the District is using grant funds to pay for a portion of a social worker's salary to support students' social/emotional needs. The total anticipated cost over three years for this is \$207,031.

The District will use American Rescue Plan Act funds to pay a portion of the total contract cost for a vendor to perform regular maintenance and repairs on the District's HVAC system. The total anticipated cost for this is \$23,932.

Additionally, the District will purchase Chromebooks for students in grades K-2 to ensure continuity of learning in the event of a prolonged closure with a total anticipated cost of \$15,000. The District will also purchase facilities department cleaning equipment to assist the District in sanitizing and cleaning its facilities with a total anticipated cost of \$1,400. Lastly, the District plans to use American Rescue Plan Act grant funds to purchase athletic supplies for purposes of continuity of operations with a total anticipated cost of \$1,600.

If you have any questions regarding this plan, do not hesitate to contact the Superintendent of Schools at 518-237-0800. If you would like a copy of the District's ARP plan, please call 518-237-0800, ext. 3309 and one will be provided to you.