

To the Communities of MSAD 6:

The School Board continues to support the plan for all students to return to in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. To accomplish this challenge, the District will use American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding (ESSERF) to support the safe return of staff and students. MSAD 6 will continue to follow CDC recommendations and/or requirements.

Last spring, each of the school principals held community forums to outline specific plans for the return of all students to in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. On behalf of the District administrators, I would like to thank you for attending the community forums and providing us helpful feedback that enriched our return-to-school plans. The following is an overview for the use of ARP funding that will help us to accomplish the safe return of in-person instruction for all students.

- Hire 13 teachers and 3 RNs to appropriately staff schools to support the safe return of all students to in-person instruction;
- Hire 11 ed techs for additional classroom and building support;
- Hire 1.5 additional school counselors to support the social and emotional needs of students as well as transition planning;
- Additional social, emotional support for high school students with teletherapy services;
- Provide a technology resource that will support educators with improved resources to review and monitor student achievement data;
- Seek consultant services to support the development of administrators' ability to evaluate and remediate student learning loss as a result of the pandemic;
- Increase student and staff resources that support improved teaching and learning;
- Plan and implement a reintegration program for middle school students who experienced higher than usual absence rates during the pandemic;
- Develop a plan in order to support families with special medical circumstances to access educational opportunities;
- Continue to support the Community Outreach work that supported families during the pandemic and be connected with the school community;
- Repair and/or replace portable classrooms;
- Purchase additional classroom furniture to accommodate additional staff and 3' spacing requirements;
- Purchase and install a metal building for storage of seasonal equipment; and
- Improve technology resources access for staff and students.

For additional information about the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ARP/ESSER #3) application, please visit the following link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nh5IHVDz_Kgey9_CVmAZ0vCHhaE_7gjp/view?usp=sharing