

# Alexandria Central School District

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## 2021-22 School Year Plan for American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds

### **Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of maximizing in-person instruction time.**

COVID-19 required the district to implement social distancing guidelines. While we were able to create smaller classrooms, using every spare bit of space in the building, it was discovered that Physical Education spacing was limited, particular in the winter months. The district had already planned a new capital project that focused on renovating the existing gymnasium. With federal funding, the district is able to expand the existing gym to a space that would allow multiple classes to participate in Physical Education classes, while social distancing.

### **Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of purchasing educational technology.**

During COVID-19, classes were forced to move to remote instruction. The district discovered that not every classroom was setup for remote instruction, nor was there any consistency from one class to another when it came to available technology. The district will use federal funds to standardize each classroom. The district also discovered that there was a low inventory of available Ipads and Chromebooks when students needed a replacement. Funding will used to increase the inventory of technology devices. Finally, many of our families are without internet, or have a poor quality of internet available to them. The district is planning to add additional wifi devices on the district buses to create hotspots for these families.

### **Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs.**

COVID-19 has taken a toll on the social, emotional, and mental health of students. Alexandria Central is focused on addressing these needs. The district will be using federal funding to expand our counseling department from two counselors to three, in addition to a mental health program provided by River Hospital.

### **Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of offering evidence-based summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs.**

Administrators are aware of the impact COVID-19 has had on our students. In order to address the "Education Gap" that has developed, Alexandria Central is focused on building a Summer School Program for both Elementary and High School students. Elementary program will start in Summer 2021. High School will begin in Summer 2022. Alexandria CSD has an Enrichment Program already

in existence (Ghost Academy). ARPA funds are giving the district the opportunity to expand this program, offering additional courses and educational trips.

**The following programs will continue beyond the availability of federal funds and we will use the following local funds in order to minimize disruption to core academic and other school programs.**

Summer school, Ghost Academy, enhanced counseling. Rotation of technology devices.  
As one time purchases and obligations come to an end, the district will reallocate those expenses to ensure the continuity of instructional programs.