

# LaFayette Central School District

## ARP (American Rescue Plan) Spending Plan

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

We are holding a Public Hearing at our next Board of Education meeting on Thursday, June 10, 2021. We are seeking public comment from parents, teachers and community members regarding the district's planned use of the ARP-ESSR funding we will be receiving. Questions or comments may be provided at the Board meeting (limited to 3 minutes) or by email to Jeremy Belfield, Superintendent at [jbelfield@lafayetteschools.org](mailto:jbelfield@lafayetteschools.org).

New York has been allocated nearly \$9 billion in ARP-ESSER funds, with a minimum of \$8.09 billion (90%) going to local education agencies, including public schools. LaFayette Central School District has been allocated a combined total of \$2,664,146. Of this total, the following amounts are specifically earmarked for certain purposes:

- \$983,136 to address learning loss
- \$168,007 for summer enrichment
- \$168,007 for after school programs

The remaining \$1,344,996 is available for other allowable uses. Below is our spending plan.

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

We will be conducting summer school at each building this year. We will be creating afterschool programs to allow for more individualized instruction when needed, with a late afternoon bus run to accommodate student/parent schedules. We will have teachers on special assignment acting as instructional specialists to be another resource for the teachers and students throughout the day.

#### **Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of operating schools and meeting the needs of students:**

We will be purchasing cleaning supplies, equipment and PPE to keep the schools clean and safe for our students. We will be investing in our HVAC systems to ensure we have proper ventilation, filtration, etc. We will be purchasing classroom furniture to update and modernize the classroom settings.

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

We will be purchasing chromebooks to maintain our 1:1 ratio. Ongoing training will take place with teachers to maintain and enhance skills utilizing new and existing software. We will be using a company to test our computer security and recommend enhancements to avoid down time or infiltration by an unauthorized person(s). This will include more training with staff on handling spam email requests, etc. Throughout the pandemic, the district provided hot spots for many district residents since there is no broadband available on the Nation.

### **Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, including the impacts of interrupted instruction and learning loss and the impacts on low-income students, children with disabilities, English language learners, and students experiencing homelessness:**

We will be conducting summer school at each building this year. We will be creating after-school programs to allow for more individualized instruction when needed, with a late afternoon bus run to accommodate student/parent schedules. We will have teachers on special assignment act as instructional specialists to be another resource for the teachers and students throughout the day.

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

We are partnering with Onondaga County to have a social worker on site and have other resources readily available if needed. They will work in tandem with our counselors to ensure students are receiving the guidance needed and can refer them to other supports if necessary. There will continue to be a focus on professional development in the area of mental health within the district. There is also an opportunity to have more speakers addressing students regarding mental health issues, etc.

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

We will be conducting summer school at each building this year. We will be creating after-school programs to allow for more individualized instruction when needed with a late afternoon bus run to accommodate student/parent schedules. We will have teachers on special assignment act as instructional specialists to be another resource for the teachers and students throughout the day. Tutoring will be available as needed. There is also an opportunity to have more speakers addressing students regarding mental health issues, etc.

### **Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of supporting early childhood education:**

We will continue to enhance our existing universal pre-K program to support learning opportunities for this age group. The district recently reviewed the ELA curriculum and has invested heavily into professional development on the science of reading instruction. The district will continue to invest in early literacy and early learning skills to help make sure that students have the school readiness skills that they need to be successful.

### **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:**

We plan to maintain the summer school and after-school programs as much as possible. Many costs were non-recurring and will not need to continue beyond the funding time period. The district will continue to maintain local funding efforts to make sure that the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of our students are addressed as we navigate these challenging times.