

Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act & The American Rescue Plan (ARP ESSER) Acts of 2021

Funding Overview: August 31, 2021

Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA)

On December 27, 2020, the President signed into law the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA Act). The CRRSA Act provides \$81.88 billion nationwide in a second Education Stabilization Fund to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus, of which:

- \$54.3 billion is for a second Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to support schools in addressing the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools; and
- \$4.05 billion is for a second Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund which provides grants to Governors for the purpose of providing assistance in addressing the impact of COVID-19.

Funds may be used for pre-award costs dating back to **March 13, 2020** (Nat'l Emergency Declaration).

District Eligible Grants

- Normal 2021-22 Grant Cycle
 - ESSA Grants (Title I, II, IV)
 - IDEA Grants (611 & 619)
 - UPK Grant
- Additional Grants
 - CRRSA
 - GEER II
 - ESSER II
 - ARP
 - Application #1
 - Application #2

District Priorities for Grant Funding

- ✓ Sustainability (can this initiative be sustained by the district long term)
- ✓ Evidence (is this considered best practice, aligned with our vision and mission, research based)
- ✓ Is it good for students (what does this do for our staff and students in both the short and long term)
- ✓ Consideration of impact across all populations with particular emphasis on disadvantaged populations.

District Priorities for Grant Funding

1. Recoup Unexpected COVID19 Closure Related Costs
 - a. PPE
 - b. Internet Access for Families
 - c. Transportation
2. Maintain Staffing
3. Support Staff, Students, & Families
4. Enhance Existing Academic Programming
5. Provide Opportunities to Mitigate Learning Loss
6. Support Staff & Student Social Emotional Support

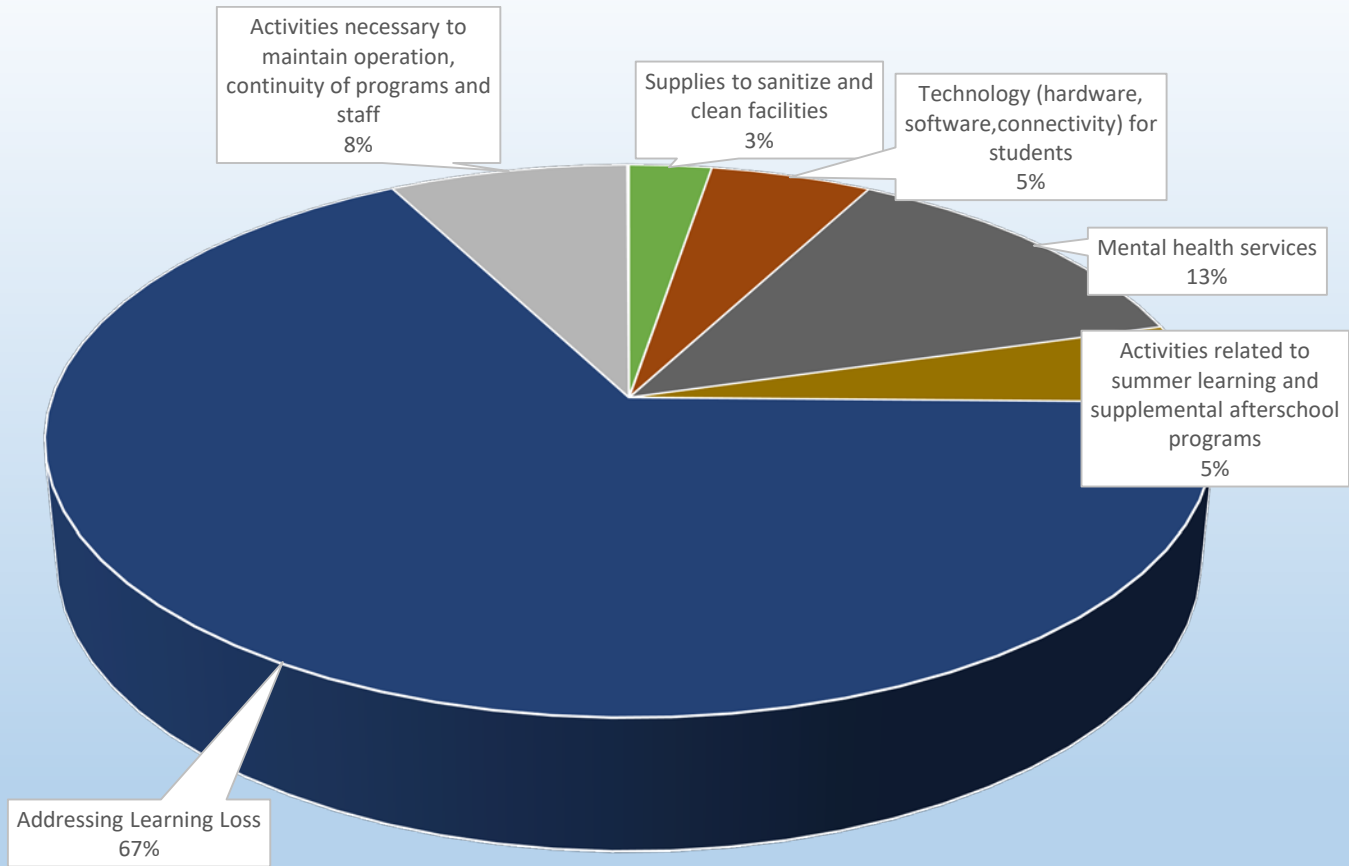
ESSERII and GEERII

Both ESSERII and GEERII were submitted to NYSED for review and approved for expenditure.

GEER II Expenditure

- ✓ Recoup costs associated with the expansion of the Districts Mifi (Mobile Internet) footprint for families
- ✓ GEERII grant funding was used to cover 3/2020-12/2020 data costs for (38) Verizon Jetpack MiFi devices deployed by the district for staff, student, and family use.

ESSERII expenditures by category



ESSERII Final Allocation Categories

Overview of Expenditures by Category (ESSER II)

IDEA / McKinney Vento Supports: Educational Technology Purchase to aide in reading.

Supplies: PPE, Sanitize, Clean: 3-4 Cloth masks for all staff and students.

Planning for Long Term Closure: 38 Verizon Mifi Devices (12 mo) for families, (60) Pairs of headphones with Microphones for Students.

Technology: 75 Chromebooks and Google Licenses (District Wide).

Maintain Continuity & Staff: Transportation Expenses during COVID19 Closure

Mental Health Services & Supports: Jr Sr HS Social Worker (2021-2023), Consultation with Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), Creation of FBA Committee Chair (Stipend)

Supplemental Programming: Summer Enrichment Program (k-8), Jr Sr HS After School Tutoring Program (October-June).

Addressing Learning Loss: AP / Instructional Coordinator (ES) (2021-2023), (2) Instructional Coaches (2021-2023), (1) Literacy Teacher (2021-2023), IntoMath Curriculum (k-5), ReadyMath & iReady (6-8).

American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Under Section 2001 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act

The ARP Act requires the District to reserve 20% of our allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions.

The district must ensure that such interventions respond to students'

- academic
- social
- emotional needs

While addressing the needs of all student populations including those disproportionately impacted by COVID19.

Planning for ARP Funds

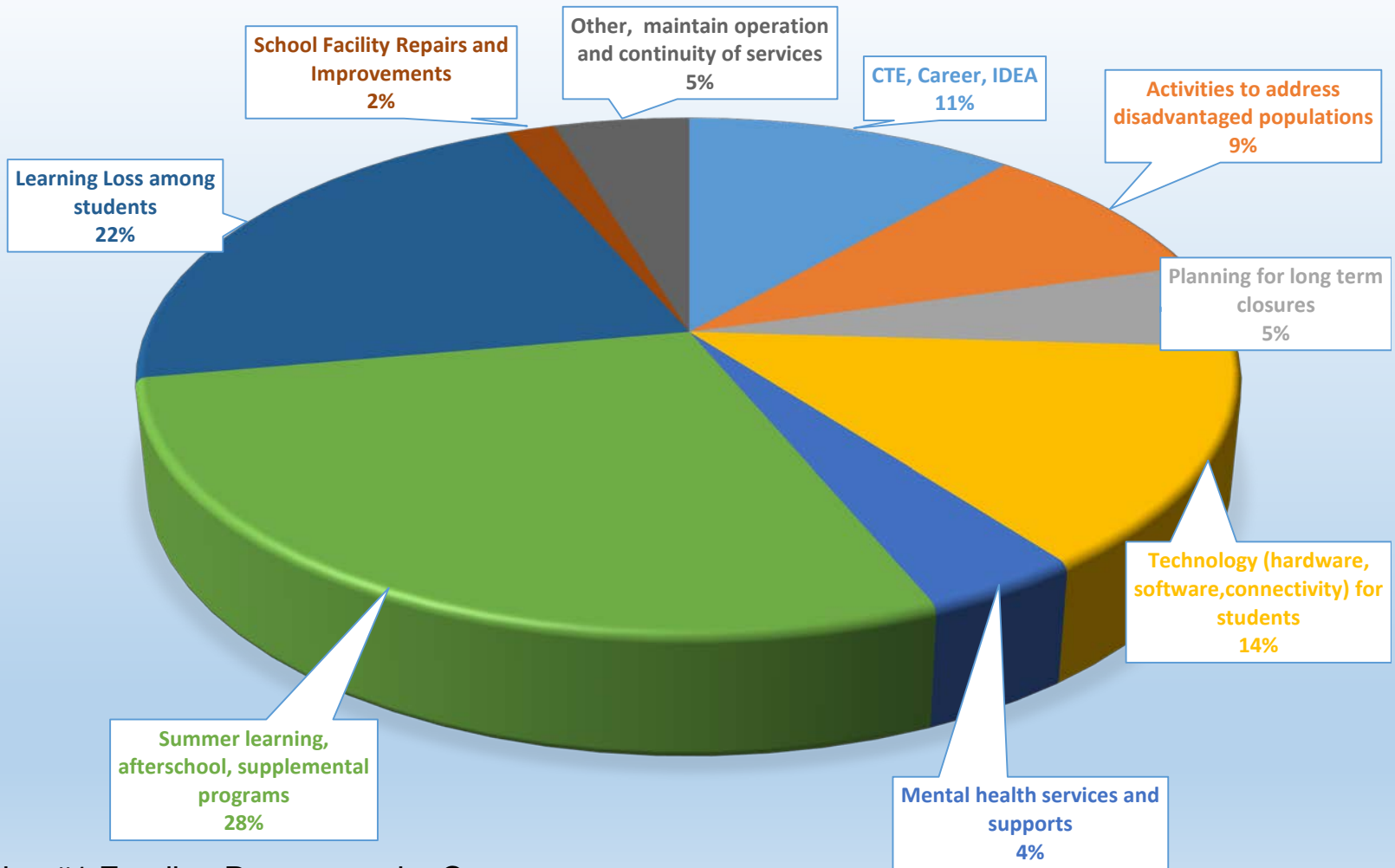
- Ensure costs from ESSERII are continued across grants
 - Staffing
 - Long term maintenance costs (wifi hotspots, digital subscriptions, upkeep, etc.)
- Work with the Business Office to ensure we are planning ahead for sustainability in future budgets
- Engage departments and district stakeholders on “Big Picture” ideas
 - Ongoing process as we enter 2021-22 school year

Planning for ARP Funds

- The district has worked across stakeholder groups to ensure meaningful collaboration and consultation has occurred regarding the use of ARP funds
 - Community Agency Representatives
 - Local Government Representatives
 - Board of Education Representative
 - Parents
 - Faculty, Staff, and Students
 - School Administration

ARP Application #1: Priorities

- Ensure all carryovers from ESSERII are accounted for in the first application
- Recoup summer programming costs
- Complete technology upgrades (minus smartboards)
- Complete departmental upgrades



Application #1 Funding Percentage by Category

Overview of Expenditures by Category (ARP)

- IDEA / McKinney Vento / Disadvantaged Populations: Educational Technology Purchases, Family Engagement Coordinator Position
- Carl Perkins, CTE: Updates to Ag Science, Tech Departments, CNC Plasma and Laser Tables, Growing Systems, Lab Manipulatives, Welding booths
- Planning for Long Term Closure: 38 Verizon Mifi Devices (12 mo) for families, Increasing our digital curriculum resources across ELA, Math, and Science
- Technology: Completion of K-12 1:1 Chromebook Rollout, New Teacher Laptops, New Tech Dept Desktops
- Mental Health Services & Supports: Jr Sr HS Social Worker, Peer Mentoring, Peer Mediation, Community Circles, Behavioral Support Committee
- Supplemental Programming: Summer Enrichment Program (K-8), Jr Sr HS After School Tutoring Program, BOCES Summer Program
- Addressing Learning Loss: AP (ES), (2) Instructional Coaches, Literacy Teacher, ES Classroom Libraries, Floating Subs (2), STEAM Teacher / Coordinator, Boardworks Digital Resource Platform for Staff
- Maintain Continuity & Staff: Remainder of Transportation Expenses during COVID19 Closure

ARP Application Process

- Each application will be subject to its own guidance and procedures
- Currently no timeline for when all applications will be released to LEAs
- Application #1 is due ~~August 31, 2021~~ September 30, 2021
- Application #2 TBD

Next Steps

- ✓ Continue to engage departments regarding ways to improve engagement, accessibility, enrichment, and remediation
- ✓ Examine ways to provide value added services / activities for students and families
 - ✓ Intramurals
 - ✓ Clubs / Activities
 - ✓ Family / Student Nights
 - ✓ Academic Supports
 - ✓ Enrichment Activities
- ✓ Engage Stakeholders in continued examination of district needs
- ✓ Plan for the next application (remainder of ARP grant funds)

Questions?