Grant Updates

March 17, 2022

Grants

- All grants have been submitted to the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and have been approved for use.
- The district is now in the process of working through the proposed expenditures for each building.

Changes to NYS: ARP Proposals

- The playground proposal contained in the NYS: American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant was denied (non allowable expenditure) in each of the subgrants (Lost Instructional Time, Comprehensive Afterschool Programming, Summer Programming and Enrichment).
- As a result of these denials the district adjusted the proposals to ensure the entire grant amount was accounted for.

Changes to NYS: ARP Proposals

- Added funding for Elementary School Book Club with additional funds to send books home with students for 21-22, 22-23, 23-24.
- Expanded our partnership with Expressive Journeys (music therapy provider)
  - Existing partnership 20-21, 21-22 with our UPK program.
  - Kindergarten music therapy groups 22-23, 23-24.
  - Afterschool music and movement programming 22-23, 23-24.

Changes to NYS: ARP Proposals

- Expanded Summer Enrichment Program (District Wide, through Grade 8)
  - (4) Additional Teachers, (2) Additional Teaching Assistants.
  - Administrative Support (Summer School Principal).
- Smartboards were added to each of the ARP: NYS subgrants to complete the applications.
  - (15) Smartboards were added to the overall grant proposal (across subgrants).
  - Will be deployed as part of our smartboard rollout and update plan.
  - All instructional spaces will be equipped with Smartboards district wide.

Changes to Proposals: Across Grants

- Staffing has been an ongoing challenge in the region and some proposed positions will not be filled for the 2021-22 school year.
  - Instructional Coach (2)
  - Engagement Coordinator
  - Science / Steam Teacher / Coordinator

Changes to Proposals: Across Grants

- The district has submitted amendments to allow for previously approved grant funding (staffing positions) to cover:
  - Playground equipment and installation (Across CARES, ARP Grants funding).
  - Changes in costs and supply issues for our Ag Science and Technology proposals.
    - Shift to smaller (footprint) laser CNC table.
    - Addition of maple syrup production equipment.
    - Accounted for supply and materials costs (increases).

Grants: Next Steps

- The district will continue to monitor expenditures and any cost changes requiring submission of amendments to NYS Office of Finance.
- Completion of NYSED Expenditure / Use Surveys.
- Periodic Grant Planning group meetings.
- Updates to Board of Education.
- Updates to information on the Schoharie Central School District webpage.