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FOYIL PUBLIC SCHOOL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ESSER III SPENDING PLAN

The purpose of ESSER III funds is to "Prevent, Prepare for, and Respond to" COVID 19. Foyil School will use a portion of the funds allocated to our district in the various areas listed below to help us implement plans to prevent the spread of the virus by preparing a safe environment for our students to continue their education in and a safe clean working place for all our staff. Strategies for Prevention and Mitigation of COVID to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with the most recent CDC guidelines on reopening schools, in order to continuously and safely open and operate. The strategies listed below will describe our plans on responding to the virus and the challenges it has caused.

- 20% of ESSER III relief dollars will be used to address learning loss through evidence based interventions such as, but not limited to, Summer School Program, salaries for Highly Qualified certified teachers and paraprofessionals to educate our summer school students, salaries for bus drivers to transport students attending summer school classes to and from home safely, to pay salaries for cafeteria workers to have a meal program to provide breakfast and lunch to students attending summer school, and to provide instructional technology materials and instructional supplies needed to address learning loss and help students get back on track to achieving their academic goals.
- A portion of the monies will be used to fund strategies for addressing learning loss in our district by purchasing evidence-based instructional curriculum for students and to meet the needs of the instructors for continued online instructional support such as but not limited to, Edgenuity, Renaissance Learning, Edmentum, and other instructional software that will assist in meeting the needs of students on and off-site learning needs, and to purchase online lesson platforms for credit recovery for secondary students.
- A portion of the funds will be used for salaries to continue employment for existing certified staff plus enabling us to add additional educators to educate our students while also helping to add extra classes for social distancing.
- If needed, a portion of the funds can be used to buy buses to add additional routes to help with social distancing on buses and prevent the spread of the virus among our students who ride the bus to and from school and to protect the bus drivers. The district can purchase (over 7 passenger) vehicles needed to transport meals to distance learner students, deliver and pick up instructional learning packets/materials, to transport students home due to illnesses, if needed, to make necessary home visits,

attendance checks, or whatever the situation might be to provide a safe distance between driver and student/s to help prevent the spread of the virus by close contact.

- Our district will be able to hire a school nurse to care for the wellness of our students, to administer medical attention in response to the COVID virus and other minor illnesses, to offer good hygiene techniques to help prevent the spread of the virus and other germs, to be an asset in responding to the challenges that our student body will face this school year.
- The funds will provide much needed upgrades to our communication system and provide additional equipment for communicating to each other, our parents/families, our community, and our student body. Upgrading the district's telephone lines, replacing old phones that are obsolete and no longer for sale, upgrade classroom intercoms and alarms for emergency purposes and providing information to teachers in classrooms which cut down on student/staff activity in hallways in response to social distancing. Purchasing a new information sign for our campus to better inform and update the students, community, and parents of important dates, times, events, closings, and information pertaining to the operation of our district. Once again purchasing updated advance equipment for public awareness, safe school information in response to emergencies such as shutdowns due to the pandemic or inclement weather. All such communications help to include the community and parents in the day-to-day operations of our school.
- A portion of the funds will be used to increase technology across the district to prevent shared devices between students and staff and prevent the possible spread of the COVID virus, and to prepare for periods of remote learning. We will use part of the funds to upgrade existing technology and to purchase new educational technology (including, but not limited to, hardware, software, connectivity, and all technology related items) for students and staff. Technology that aids in the educational interaction between students and classroom instructors, distance learning students and their instructors. Technology for low-income students, students with disabilities which may include assistive technology and/or adaptive equipment, WIFI, Hotspots, and any other tools necessary to meet the educational needs of our students that have been academically affected by the pandemic.
- A portion of the funds will be used for school facility repairs, remodeling, expansions, and improvements to help reduce the risk of virus transmission and support students safe and healthy needs. Examples: purchasing more playground equipment to enlarge playgrounds so that the students have a bigger area to run and play while social distancing and help prevent overcrowding. Update and repair HVAC units to improve air quality and energy efficiency. Installing new control systems, fans, and other equipment needed to provide a healthy safe environment in response to the COVID 19 pandemic. Replace doors, windows, walls, or whatever is needed to prevent, prepare and respond to the pandemic.
- A portion of the funds will be used for implementing public health protocols and policies in line with the CDC guidance on return to learning. The funds will be used to cover higher costs that have accrued because of the pandemic such as: sanitizing materials,

masks, cleaning supplies, janitorial equipment, or whatever is needed to keep classrooms and facilities as germ free as possible to prevent the spreading of the virus.

- A portion of the funds will be used to address student's mental health and overall wellness as a result of the effects from the stress that some have had to face because of the COVID 19 virus at home and at school. The funds will provide School Based Student services as needed by Social Worker services, counseling services, student assessments, psychological and psychometrist assessment services from outside professional entities. Provisions for staff training in these areas if needed. Physical, Speech, and Occupational therapy for students who need it.

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