



Hamilton Central School District ARP-ESSR Funding Plan

INTRODUCTION

The 2021-22 enacted state budget includes language requiring local education agencies, such as school districts, that receive funding from the Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund allocated by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP-ESSER), to post on its website, on or before July 1, 2021, a plan by school year of how these funds will be spent.

The Federal Government allocated nearly \$9 billion in ARP-ESSER funds to New York State, with a minimum of \$8.09 billion (90 percent) going to local education agencies, including public schools. The Hamilton Central School District's allocation is \$1,149,954.

Of this total, \$499,966 of the ESSER funds are earmarked for the District to address learning loss, with at least \$100,002 earmarked for summer enrichment, and at least \$100,002 for after-school programs.

Districts are also required to prioritize spending on non-recurring expenses in the following allowable areas:

- Safely returning students to in-person instruction;
- Maximizing in-person instruction time;
- Operating schools and meeting the needs of students;
- Purchasing educational technology;
- 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;
- Implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs;
- Offering evidence-based summer, after-school, and other extended learning and enrichment programs; and
- Supporting early childhood education.

In addition, districts must identify programs and services that will continue beyond the availability of these federal funds, and the use of local funds moving forward, in order to

minimize disruption to core academic and other school programs.

Before posting this plan, districts are required to seek public comment from parents, teachers and other stakeholders and consider such comments in the development of the plan. The District utilized communications with the district Reopening Task Force and Thoughtexchange to obtain the required feedback.

The following summarizes the Hamilton Central School School District Proposed Plan ARP-ESSR Funding Plan.

The Hamilton Central School District specifically earmarked \$319,450 of the total allocation to support summer programming and address learning loss.

The programs include:

- Summer K-8 Math and ELA Programs, K-6 Summer LEAP (math, reading, library, the arts, science, technology, physical education, and history) Camp Invention, Invention Project, SEL Programs, and health and wellness programs
- Summer 7-8 Engineers Teaching Algebra Program
- Middle school and high school credit recovery

PLAN SUMMARY BY ALLOWABLE SPENDING AREA

Safely returning students to in-person instruction

Plan Summary:

Since late March/early April 2021, the VVS Central School District has been able to offer in-person instruction to all students Pre-K-12. We anticipate being able to offer in-person instruction on all days to all students Pre-K-12 in September 2021. Therefore, the VVS Central School District will not utilize ARP-ESSER funds to support this area of allowable spending.

The September 2020 Reopening Plan is available on the district website. To view the plan, please click on the following link:

[Hamilton CSD Return to School 2020](#)

The District will review the plan during the month of August and update it to ensure alignment with the most current K-12 guidance for school districts (CDC, NYSDOH, and MCDOH).

Maximizing in-person instruction time

Plan Summary:

Since April 2021, the Hamilton Central School District has been able to offer in- person instruction four days per-week to all students Pre-K-12. Therefore, the Hamilton Central School District will not utilize ARP-ESSER funds to support this area of allowable spending.

Operating schools and meeting the needs of students

Plan Summary:

Since April 2021, the Hamilton Central School District has been able to offer in- person instruction four days per-week to all students K-12. Therefore, the Hamilton Central School District will not utilize ARP-ESSER funds to support this area of allowable spending.

Purchase of educational technology

Plan Summary:

- *How is spending being prioritized on non-recurring expenses?*
The Hamilton Central School District will utilize funds in this allowable area to purchase technology equipment to support 1:1 remote instruction.
- *What will continue beyond the availability of federal funds, including information about how local funds will be used once federal funds are no longer available?*
The District will utilize state hardware funds and E-rate federal program funds, as well as general funds to continue equipment replacement purchases.

Addressing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on all students, including low-income students, students with disabilities, English language learners, and students experiencing homelessness.

Plan Summary:

- *How is spending being prioritized on non-recurring expenses?*
Hamilton CSD will utilize funds to support two additional social workers. The additional social workers will bring our staffing to seven social workers district-wide, allowing for additional supports to students, families and employees. The District will utilize these funds to support these position for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 school years.
- *What will continue beyond the availability of federal funds, including information about how local funds will be used once federal funds are no longer available?*
We anticipate that this position will no longer be needed at the conclusion of the award period. If the District determines that student needs continue beyond the award period, one or

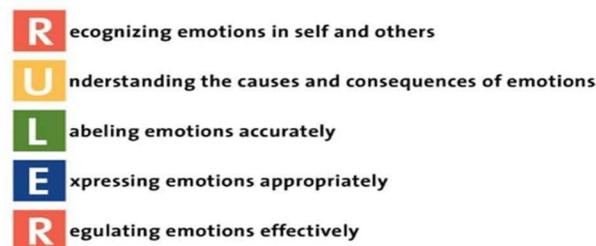
more of the positions will be absorbed into the district General Fund.

Implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health and academic needs.

Plan Summary:

- *How is spending being prioritized on non-recurring expenses?*

The District will be using funds to support the RULER Program - Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence (2-year initiative). The Ruler Program is a researched-based community approach to incorporating emotional intelligence in the Pre-K-12 program with five key principles using a common language.



The Ruler Program includes the following:

- o Leadership Training
- o Staff and Professional Learning
- o Classroom Instruction
- o Family Engagement and Education

The District will also be using funds to support additional reading and math specialists to assist students who may have experienced learning loss.

- *What will continue beyond the availability of federal funds, including information about how local funds will be used once federal funds are no longer available?*

For the RULER Program, we do not anticipate the need to utilize local funds to continue our efforts in this area past the period of this award. For the support centers, the District will re-evaluate the need following years 1 and 2 of this program. The District will assess the program needs to determine if the centers will either be phased out or absorbed into the district General Fund.

Offering evidence-based summer, after-school, and other extended learning and enrichment programs.

Plan Summary:

- *How is spending being prioritized on non-recurring expenses?*

The District will be using funds to support an evidenced-based summer program for students as described above. The District does not anticipate the need for this targeted support past the funding period.

At the high school level, the District will be using funds to support students who may have suffered learning loss or require credit recovery.

- *What will continue beyond the availability of federal funds, including information about how local funds will be used once federal funds are no longer available?*

The Hamilton Central School District does not anticipate the need for targeted academic support past the summer of 2021-22. Therefore, the District will not utilize local funds.

Supporting early childhood education.

Plan Summary:

The Hamilton Central School District receives UPK funding through the New York State Budget. Therefore, the District will not utilize ARP-ESSER funds to support this area of allowable spending.

Other areas of student performance and need.

Plan Summary:

The Hamilton Central School District will not utilize ARP-ESSER funds to support this area of allowable spending.

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

In addition to the ARP-ESSER funds, the District is allocated \$1,481,369 in federal funds through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act. These funds will be used across the 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 school years in the following ways:

- Improving indoor air quality;
- Purchasing equipment to sanitize and clean facilities;
- Pandemic expense recovery;
- Purchasing educational technologies, such as 1:1 Chromebooks;
- Planning and implementing summer and supplemental after-school programs;
- Developing and implementing systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts;
- Providing resources for school leaders to address school-specific needs;
- Supporting activities necessary to maintain continuity of services.

DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED ARP-ESSER EXPENDITURES

Description of Planned ARP-ESSER Expenditures	2021-22 School Year	2022-23 School Year	2023-24 School Year	2024-25 School Year	Total
Summer Program	\$49,988	\$50,256	\$50,534	\$50,824	\$201,602
After-School Program	\$117,115	\$147,574	\$147,574	\$0	\$412,263
Part-Time AIS Math Teacher	\$33,434	\$34,437	\$35,000		\$102,871
Behavioral Specialist Support	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000		\$108,000
Two Teacher Aides	\$59,940	\$61,735	\$63,590		\$185,268
Remote Learning	\$31,782	\$31,782	\$31,782		\$95,346
Instructional Technology Replacements	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$40,000
Building Maintenance Equipment	\$4,604				\$4,604
					\$1,149,954