Lawrence County CUSD #20 ARP ESSER Fund Plan 2021-2024

Purpose

The American Rescue Plan (ARP ESSER) provides states and school districts with funds to safely reopen and sustain the safe operations of schools, while also addressing the impact that COVID-19 pandemic has had on student learning.

Process

Lawrence County CUSD #20 has solicited feedback from the school district community including but not limited to: board members, teachers, administrators, support staff, technology staff, Lawrence County Health Department, Nursing staff, parents, students, and special education cooperative. Information collected from the survey has been shared with the District Reopening Committee and Curriculum Committee.

Prevention/Mitigation

Portions of these funds will be allocated to help with the mitigation of COVID-19 within the district. Funds have been or will be used to purchase cleaning/PPE supplies, building remodel for ventilation at Parkside Elementary School as well as Parkview Junior High School.

Academic Impact

Portions of these funds will be utilized to address the academic and social emotional impact the COVID-19 has occurred within the district. This includes the purchase of new curriculum for the core academic classes within the district, intervention materials and software programs, credit recovery, salary for curriculum director, after school tutoring, summer school for academic loss and enrichment, technology such as chromebooks for students, and remote learning stipends for teachers.

Equity/Accountability

Through the engagement and consultation with varied stakeholders on an ongoing basis, Lawrence County CUSD #20 will strive to ensure that these funds are planned and utilized to respond to the social, emotional and academic needs of students, particularly those disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. District level committees will meet regularly to review progress and make recommendations for students at risk due to the impact of the pandemic.