



Nelsonville-York City Schools Proposal for ESSER Funding

Nelsonville-York City Schools Proposal for The American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)

May 27, 2021 -- Congress has authorized The American Rescue Plan Act that resulted in the supplemental funding of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER). The purpose of this funding is to assist local districts, including ours, to address safety needs and recover student learning loss.

Nelsonville-York City Schools has identified the district priorities that will best help our students to grow and prosper as we move toward a new post-pandemic school year. We are hopeful that our investments will accelerate learning in critical areas such as literacy and mathematics. Additionally, we have allocated funds that will address the social and emotional issues that surfaced during the pandemic along with the infrastructure and technical improvements necessary for providing our students with every opportunity for success.

The amount that was allocated to Nelsonville-York City Schools 2,609,878.02

- Must be spent by September 2024
- 20% of the funds must be spent on learning recovery strategies

Our district will invest in strategies supporting four priorities with its ESSER funds:

- Learning Recovery and Supports for Schools
- Infrastructure & Operational Improvements
- Technology
- Development and Professional Learning

Learning Recovery and Supports for Schools:

- Summer School - students in grades K-12 have been invited to join our Nelsonville-York Summer Program. We will have a focus on math and literacy within problem-based learning structures. Students invited in grades K-1 will receive intensive high-dosage early literacy intervention.
- Updated math PreK-5 curriculum materials - Nelsonville-York Elementary will adopt an updated math curriculum to stay current with the latest standards and strategies for academic growth and success.
- Recovery Tutors/Fellows - Recovery Tutors/Fellows will focus heavily on providing interventions in reading and mathematics for students who are performing below grade level.
- Literacy Professional Development - Continue professional development and certification for LETRS training within the teaching force who will provide literacy support to students K-12.
- Whole Child Framework/Social Emotional Learning-Nelsonville-York will create a School-Based Health Clinic to provide students and staff with easily accessible health care. The district will also provide students with de-escalation techniques, SEL, and incentives for engagement, attendance, and overall academic success. The district will evaluate the need for additional support for mental and social health of students and staff.

Infrastructure & Operational Improvements

- Nelsonville-York will invest in preventative maintenance in all buildings.
- Nelsonville-York will review and remedy HVAC concerns in all buildings to improve air exchange rates and filtration/purification.
- Funds will be used to provide for additional sanitation materials and procedures and personal masking as necessary.
- Funds will be used to provide for physical distancing to the best extent possible (including the lease or purchase of additional facilities, renovation of current facilities, and related personnel when/where necessary, e.g. extra buses, additional bathroom spaces, contact-free entrances).

- Funds will be used to design a School-Based Health Clinic within the school.

Technology

- Instructional Software and equipment - Nelsonville-York will provide instructional software/equipment that will support teachers and students in the areas of SEL, literacy, science, and mathematics.
- Nelsonville-York will also secure leasing for 1-1 chromebooks for student and staff use moving forward.
- Broadband service provided when needed.

Development and Professional Learning

- Teachers will have access to high quality and research based professional development during summer months, scheduled professional development days, regional and state trainings, and workshops.

Intended Strategies and Outcomes of ESSER Investments

- Data shows that we have experienced pockets of learning loss during the instability of the pandemic. Our goal is to not only recover all learning loss, but to make significant gains academically, socially, and emotionally. We hope to accomplish this goal by providing ample safety and learning support to our staff and our students.

Regular Investment Updates

- Nelsonville-York will provide updates on the investments made with ARP ESSER funds.

Plan Review

- Nelsonville-York will review the ARP ESSER plan every six months and revise as appropriate.

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