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Information update on our ARP ESSER Plan:

Our district has been awarded approximately \$410,000.00 over the next three years with American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Funds, authorized under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. A survey went out awhile back asking for community, staff and student input on how you would like to see these funds spent. Based on your input and further needs of the district, the following describes some general details of our plan.

Roughly \$126,000.00 is going towards instruction. Extended Year Summer Programming, a possible K-2 After School Program, development of Portrait of a Graduate for high school, professional development and summer curriculum planning for teachers to address the impact of lost instructional time, to support all the academic and social and emotional needs of our students. In addition, some funding will be provided to support more project-based learning school-wide.

We are applying roughly \$41,000.00 towards technology. This entails additional WIFI installation for our outdoor classroom space, additional hardware and software, and miscellaneous technology supplies.

We are looking to purchase a white mini bus that will seat ten students. This bus will cost roughly \$70,000 and will offer additional flexibility with the current lack of bus drivers.

We have a number of furniture needs including some new shelving in the library and furniture for the outdoor classroom space.

We need to upgrade our HVAC system with a new program to help promote safe in-person instruction.

A renovation project is in the plan for the middle school science lab, which will add additional classroom space by removing an existing wall with newly updated cabinetry. Some updates to the high school art classroom will also take place, adding an entryway into the storage room for easy access and some updated shelving and storage.

Lastly, we are building a new outdoor classroom near the playground, which will provide extra classroom space and give students an opportunity to do even more outdoor learning.

Thank you all for your thoughtful suggestions and ideas! - Georgia Campbell