

**HINSDALE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ARP-ESSER INITIAL FUNDING PLAN**  
**June 2021**

**INTRODUCTION**

The 2021-2022 enacted state budget requires Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to create a plan for the use of federal funding received from the Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP-ESSER). The funding was signed into law on March 11, 2021.

This funding allocates approximately \$1,798,349 to Hinsdale Central School for use through September 30, 2024. Hinsdale plans to allocate funding over the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school years.

**ALLOCATION**

90% LEA ARP-ESSER Allocation	\$1,098,346.00*
1% State-Level Reserve Summer Enrichment Grant:	\$ 100,002.00
1% State-Level Reserve Comprehensive After School Grant	\$ 100,002.00
5% State-Level Reserve for Learning Loss	\$ 499,996.00
<b>Total ARP-ESSER Funding</b>	<b>\$1,798,346.00</b>

\*20% of this must also be used to address learning loss

**TIMELINE**

May 11, 2021: Presentation of initial grant funding sources at annual budget hearing

June 2021 through September 2024: Due to grant funding allocations, duration and possible changing student needs, grant programs will continue to be evaluated throughout the grant funding time period. The district will use our on-going strategic planning process, student assessments and parent and staff surveys to evaluate grant funded programs during the funding period.

June 2, 2021: Board Strategic planning workshop

June 30, 2021: Initial Plan posted on district website

## **ALLOWABLE USES**

Districts are required to prioritize spending on non-recurring expenditures to avoid program interruptions when federal funding ends in 2024. Funding may be used in the following 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, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs
- Supporting early childhood education

While there is a comprehensive list of allowable uses of ARP-ESSER funds, Hinsdale Central School plans to focus funding on the following areas:

- **Safely returning students to in-person instruction**
- **Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and enrichment and supplemental after-school programs including providing classroom instruction or on-line learning during the summer months**
- **Addressing the academic impact of lost instructional time**
- **Purchasing educational technology**
- **Providing mental health services and supports**

- **School facility improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards and to support student health needs**

ARP-ESSER funding is one of multiple funding sources. Other funding sources such as the general operating budget and other grant funding are being used to address student needs not listed above.

### **Safely Returning Students to In-Person Instruction**

Hinsdale Central School will continue to work with the NYS Department of Health and Cattaraugus County Department of Health to ensure the safety of students and staff. ARP-ESSER and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) funds may be used to purchase personal protective equipment, sanitation supplies or employ additional staff to meet required safety protocols.

### **Planning and Implementing Activities Related to Summer Learning and Enrichment/After-School Programs**

Hinsdale Central School will use funding to support summer programming offered through Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES in the summer of 2021. Future summer programming may be a combination of BOCES and district sponsored remediation and enrichment programs. The district will continue to utilize our existing office hours program to provide after-school learning opportunities and may provide enhanced opportunities through the use of ARP-ESSER funds for additional staff hours and after school student transportation.

### **Addressing the Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time**

Hinsdale Central School will use Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) funding to decrease class sizes during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. Through a combination of ARP-ESSER and general operating funds, the district plans to continue reduced class size and will adjust staff according to student needs and enrollment.

### **Purchasing Educational Technology**

Hinsdale Central School began a 1:1 technology device program for students as the Coronavirus pandemic closed buildings in March 2020. We plan to use ARP funding to support this initiative along with purchasing other technological devices, hardware and software that provide students and staff with more access to technology. Specific purchases will be determined through our strategic planning process and parent/student/staff surveys.

## **Providing Mental Health Services and Supports**

Hinsdale Central School plans to use ARP-ESSER funding to aid in the transition of our guidance department due to retirement during the 2022-2023 school year.

## **School Facility Improvements**

Hinsdale Central School may use ARP-ESSER funding to provide necessary facility improvements once the New York State Education Department and Governor's office release re-opening requirements for the 2021-2022 school year.

## **Summary**

The Hinsdale Central School district plans to use ARP-ESSER funding to address student needs created by the pandemic and enhance existing student programs. We plan to engage district stakeholders throughout the process as we have done in the past year to safely re-open schools. Funding will also be used to support student programs and services as determined by the district strategic planning process.