



Falconer Central School District ARP-ESSER 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 a plan by school year of how these funds will be spent.

New York has been allocated nearly \$9 billion in ARP-ESSER funds, with a minimum of \$8.09 billion (90 percent) going to local education agencies, including public schools. Falconer Central School District has been allocated \$2,522,840.

Of this total, \$164,693 is earmarked specifically for: supporting summer programming, after-school programming, and/or additional supports to address learning loss.

Districts are also required to prioritize spending on expenses 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 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; and
- Supporting early childhood education.

In addition, districts must identify programs and services that will continue beyond the availability of these federal funds and how local funds will be used 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 take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

The Falconer Central School District team members communicated with community stakeholders on the plan for the best way to use the allotted funds. Feedback from individuals from teaching and non-teaching bargaining units, parent representatives, and administrative team members carefully considered the use of the funds to set up for long-term, sustainable success. The American Rescue Plan fund was also discussed at Board of Education Meetings. Questions and comments can be sent via email to the District's School Business Manager, Mrs. Sara Kennison at skennison@falconerschools.org.

The District plans to use its ARP ESSER funds provided in accordance with the guidance issued by the New York State Education Department. The use of funds is broken down into the following categories provided by New York State:

Maximizing in-person instruction time.

Anticipated Budget - \$1,625,447

- 5 Elementary Teachers (1 FTE each)
- 1 Special Education Teacher (1 FTE)
- 1 Physical Education Teacher (1 FTE)
- 2 Middle/High School Mathematics Teachers (1 FTE each)

The teachers will remain beyond ARP-ESSER funding.

Operating schools and meeting the needs of students

Anticipated Budget - \$654,905

- Water bottle filling stations
- HVAC Systems

The purchases listed above are expected to be one-time expenses.

Purchase of educational technology

Anticipated Budget: - \$212,153

- Interactive Panels
- Interactive Panel Stands
- Chromebooks
- Chromebook Bags
- Chromebook Licensing
- iPads
- Hover Cameras

Educational technology purchases in addition to normal replacement cycles will be non recurring.

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

Anticipated Budget - \$23,253 over three years

- *Second Step* - Grade K-8, Multi-Site 3-Year Licenses
- *Second Step* SEL for Adults, Multi-Site 3-Year Licenses

Supporting early childhood education.

Anticipated Budget - \$7,082

- Sensory Pathways

The costs associated with creating the Sensory Pathways will be a one-time expense.

***ARP-ESSER Funding Plan is subject to change based on additional guidance from the New York State Education Department.**