COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Funding Local Use of Funds by Anthony Wayne Local Schools

The <u>American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund</u> was enacted as a part of the American Rescue Plan and provides nearly \$122 billion to states and school districts nationwide.

These funds were made available for limited use by Local Education Agencies (LEA) to address the safe reopening and operation of schools, and to address learning loss as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The federal guidelines addressing the allowable uses for these funds are available on the Ohio Department of Education website.

Any school receiving funding was required to submit a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan* prior to the 2021-22 school year. Anthony Wayne Local Schools *Safe Return of In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan (August 2021)* is available on the district website.

The Anthony Wayne Local Schools district was *awarded* nearly \$4.9 million through ARP ESSER. As of January 10, 2023 the district has received \$2,655,401.66 for costs associated with the programs, staffing and supplies necessary to provide a safe learning environment and offer instructional support. *All related expenditures will continue to be submitted to the state for review and reimbursement on a semi-monthly basis until funds are exhausted or the discontinuation of the program.*

These funds were used as intended to ensure the safe return of students to the classroom and support student learning in the following ways:

- Technology associated with one-to-one student/device use
- Extended learning and enrichment activities, transportation, and food service related to learning loss recovery
- Employment of a required district COVID-19 Liaison for pandemic mitigation and monitoring
- Employment of short-term contract teachers to support instruction and provide interventions for students
- Employment of short-term contract instructional coaches to support instruction and interventions for students
- Employment of intervention specialists and paraprofessionals to support student learning
- Salary and benefits for district nurses
- Transportation support for students experiencing homelessness
- Health, safety, and other supplies and materials

A full listing of the funding sources and associated expenditures can be found in the chart below.

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Funding Source	Amount Awarded	Amount Received to Date	Amount Expended	Amount Requested (to be received following bi-monthly cash requests)	Purpose
Corona Relief Fund	\$205,290.65	\$205,290.65	\$205,290.65	Closed	COVID-19 supplies
ESSER I	\$310,149.93	\$310,149.93	\$310,149.93	Closed	 Employment of a required district COVID-19 Liaison COVID-19 supplies and materials Cafeteria supplies and materials Required non-public supplies and materials
ESSER II	\$1,220,805.36	\$1,014,138.80	\$1,022,655.32	\$206,666,56	 Continued employment of COVID-19 Liaison Employment of five short-term contract teachers to support instruction for the 2021-22 Salary and benefits for district nurses Medical supplies and materials for nurse office use Technology one to one devices COVID-19 supplies and materials
ARP ESSER III	\$2,743,702.83	\$997,230.86	\$1,024.887.91	\$1,746,471.97	 Continued employment of COVID-19 Liaison Employment of five short-term instructional coaches to support student learning for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years Continued employment of five short-term contract teachers to support instruction for the 2022-23 school years Continued salary and benefits for district nurses Extended learning and enrichment opportunities, transportation and food service offered via summer school for learning loss recovery, summers 2021 and 2022 COVID-19 supplies and materials
ARP ESSER IDEA	\$220,614.88	\$122,791.42	\$126,477.17	\$97,823.46	Employment of intervention specialist and 2 paraprofessionals to support student learning
ARP ESSER Preschool	\$16,326.79	\$0	\$0	\$16,326.79	Classroom educational supplies (Services are provided by the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West (ESCLEW), the agency that manages the AWLS preschool program)
ARP ESSER Homeless	\$6,796.61	\$5,800.00	\$0	\$996.61	Transportation support for students experiencing homelessness
ARP ESSER State Award	\$145,657.17	\$0	\$0	\$145,657.17	Along with funding from ARP ESSER III, supports the employment of short-term contract teachers