American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Jackson School District Plan for Use of Funds and Updates to Safe Return Plan

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Planning for ARP Budget - Factors Considered

- Input from teachers, administration, DEAC committee, JEA, parent teacher organizations
- Survey results from parents and community
- Recognizing needs of ALL students and staff
- Glaring needs in the district left by S2 budget cuts the past several years
 - \$4.1 million loss in state aid coming for 2022-2023
 - \$4.2 million in state aid lost in 2021-2022 budget
 - By the time the full impact of these S2 cuts are realized in the 2025-2026 school year, we will have lost \$17.3 million in state aid

Safe Return Planning- Update

- JSD will be offering before and after school programs for students who need assistance in various academic areas as well as enrichment.
- Other programs offered will be **interest-based** and allow students to participate in **activities they enjoy**, e.g. esports, fishing clubs and intramurals
- Staff training will be ongoing throughout the year in areas of math, literacy, student engagement, and ELL instruction
- Intervention teachers and new teachers hired will reduce class sizes and be a mitigating measure in maintaining healthy schools
- Breakfast and lunch will continue to be provided for all students daily
- Feedback and suggestions about our Safe Return Plan plan is maintained on a continuous basis

Safe Return Update to address academics and student needs

Staff has received training on:

- Math intervention strategies
- Fundations intervention training
- Behavior de-escalation
- Crisis Prevention training
- Anti-bullying
- Substance Abuse screening
- Sheltered English instruction (English Language Learners)
- Orton Gillingham
- Academic supports

Our district teacher leaders will be training our staff throughout the school year on:

- Engaging students in school
- Accelerating student learning
- Using the IXL program for daily instruction
- Elementary literacy instruction

Safe Return Update

The District's plan remains the same with exception to the increased program, staffing and professional development.

The District has also advocated to the health department to review their guidelines for quarantine and consider shortening the quarantine time or allow for test to return.

Facility Improvements and Repairs (\$1,335,000)

- Equipment that was not replaced in the ESIP project and is need of repair
- Rooftop units at Switlik
- Energy Recovery Units at Holman and Johnson
- Improve efficiency of HVAC at Goetz
- DHW (Domestic Hot Water) conversion at Goetz
- Upgrading bathrooms
- Upgrading locker rooms
- Upgrading facilities

School Supply Budgets Through 2023-2024 (\$2,800,000)

Supply budgets for our 10 schools have been cut significantly over the last several years due to S2 state aid budget cuts.

These budgets purchase many essential items for school operations that benefit all students.

We are allocating funds to allow or schools to **replenish and reinvest in support materials they need** such as: Paper, textbooks, reading books, art materials, physical education supplies, calculators, science lab materials....

Based on our current enrollment of 7,650 students, this amount equals **\$183 per student** for each of the next two years.

Positions Added/ Professional Development - Through 2023-2024 (\$1,864,000)

- Classroom teachers
- Guidance counselor
- Nurse
- BCBA
- ELL teacher
- Computer technician
- Custodians
- Teacher Leaders
- Professional Development for staff

Programs for Students and Families (\$295,000)

In addition to existing support programs offered (Family Nights, Elementary before/after school) ARP funds will be used to provide additional programs at no cost to families.

- After-school tutoring and instruction
- Quarantine instruction
- Teacher Mentors for at-risk students
- Portfolio assessment instruction for seniors needing graduation requirement
- Before- and after-school programs
- Counseling for students through YMCA
- "One Book, One School"
- Summer guidance counselors
- Family programs

Summer Programs for Students Through Summer 2024 (\$44,000)

In addition to our existing summer programs (ESY, Summer Learning Program, Interest based programs, etc...), ARP funds will be used to provide additional programs at no cost to families

- Enrichment programs for all students
- Course recovery classes for middle school students
- Credit recovery for high school students

Technology Investments Through 2023-2024 (\$518,000)

- Chromebooks for students
- Linkit- District-wide assessment management system
- IXL personalized learning and individual support in math and literacy
- APEX online courses to provide for students
- Promethean Boards interactive learning boards in all classrooms

Technology Lease Purchase - 3 Years (\$1,530,000)

- Computers, laptops and chromebooks
- Internet connectivity
- Routers
- Cabling
- Technology supplies
- Instructional Technology for teachers (laptops, promethean panels)
- Computer lab equipment

New Curriculum and Materials (\$630,000)

- New materials will provide online resources to be used on Chromebooks
- Science curriculum will provide a shift to a more student-centered, engaging format
- Elementary Math Curriculum
- Science Curriculum (Grades K-12)

In Closing...

Due to S2, the District has lost millions of dollars in funding over the last four years.

We will still see a significant cut this year - and for the next two years after that (a total of \$17 million lost over 7 years).

This ARP money is helping us to SUSTAIN and EXPAND needed programs, staff and services during a time of unprecedented need.