

ESSER Spending Plan Summary

Garaway Local School District will use ESSER funds to satisfy the requirements of the grant which include reserving at least 20% of funds to address learning loss through implementing evidence based interventions. Garaway Local Schools remained in session the majority of our school year with students throughout the pandemic and intends to continue face to face instruction in the future. We will address any potential Learning Loss (20% set aside), by maintaining current operations, retaining employees and associated student based services, purchasing of sanitizing/cleaning supplies, purchasing of educational technology devices/software, and continuing services related to student and teacher social and emotional well-being.

We are utilizing ARP ESSER funds to pay our Learning Loss teachers and staff for the summer of 2021 to work with those students identified by our district achievement coach and attendance officer, in conjunction with staff and administration, as having suffered some sort of learning loss during COVID. We also are using the ESSER funds to continue to build up our technology among our staff and students, from new Chromebooks and Surface Pros to new laptops for our ELL students and new Laptops for our teachers. We also are using it to pay for our diagnostic programs, I-Ready and National Geographic for reading, math, social studies and science as our teachers continue to use meaningful and data-driven diagnostics with these programs to watch and study the learning loss that may still exist among our student population.

We will continue to use ESSER funds to pay for Learning Loss teachers as well as pay for a Reading Improvement/Guidance teacher for our elementary buildings. This person is a licensed guidance counselor who will provide Social-Emotional Learning mixed with essential reading lessons within our four elementary buildings. We will continue to bolster our distance learning technology with programs such as GoGuardian and Imagine Learning for our ELL students. This money is being distributed in all parts of our district to the overall benefit of staff and students, whether it be technology, programs, staffing that is essential for SEL standards, ELL or Learning Loss, diagnostic materials and our Multi-purpose building. ESSER funds will also cover school bus upgrades which will allow us to have more social distance on our buses and a healthier transportation environment.

We will be prepared for remote learning through our purchase of chromebooks and laptops for ELL, teachers and some students. Our purchase of curriculum for reading and Math can be used remotely as it combines direct online instruction with individual, stand-alone lessons. Our GoGuardian purchase allows teachers to control curriculum from remote learning sites and the entire 7-12 building will be given SurfacePros to allow for ease of writing and video lessons. We are looking to purchase hard copy textbooks for science and social studies that can be sent home during a remote learning situation. Additionally, a proposed multi-purpose building will be fully WIFI and set up for remote learning options with social distancing options as needed.

Our i-Ready Math and reading program for K to 8 allows for constant diagnostics, whether it be large-scale formative assessments to small, targeted assessments. This program allows

teachers to hone in on tailor-made lessons for each student based on where the student falls within each standard in a diagnostic. We also utilize GoGuardian as a way to track student participation, website usage and assignment completion. The technology that we are purchasing with ESSER funding is family friendly and easy to use. The technology we are purchasing will allow for easier usage at school and home and also allow students access to all curriculums from reading and math to science and social studies.

We are purchasing sanitizing/cleaning supplies with ESSER funds. Garaway Local Schools are maintaining clean and sanitized buildings which improves overall wellbeing of our students and staff. We are also purchasing air purification systems for every building. It is our goal to use ESSER funds to improve the overall cleanliness of buildings and buses to improve health, attendance and academic opportunities.