ARP ESSER III - USE OF FUNDS 24-25

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1. The extent to which and how the funds will be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with the most recent CDC guidance on reopening schools, in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;

Wister Public School plans continue with implementation of prevention strategies to create a safe learning environment while staying in person as much as possible. Wister Public School was fortunate enough to be able to stay in person the majority of the

20-21 school year, but hopes to improve upon strategies used for an even better 23-24 school year. We developed an ESSER Team of stakeholders to give guidance on best use of funding. 23-24 and 24-25 The team developed many plans including the following: School buses for increase social distancing opportunities, school mini-vans for food delivery purposes, foggers for disinfectant purposes, update air-conditioning across campus for safer air quality, 24-25 remodeling bathrooms for hands free, replacement of doors/windows for safety and replace carpet with tile for disinfecting purposes. 23-24 and 24-25 Playground equipment for two sperate areas will be purchased which will include large sun shades and tables. This will allow students to have more room to social distance while they play and have classroom lessons in the outside. In addition, the new surface of the playground will be easier to disinfect.

2. How the LEA will use the funds it reserves under section 2001 (e)(1) of the ARP Act [20%of ESSER ARP Act formula funds] to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year;

Wister Public School team of stakeholders determined the use of the 20% of funds would be best utilized to offer an after school intervention with tutors and

intervention programs for students needing the extra assistance. 23-24 This afterschool program should help bridge the gap of learning loss from the past year. Summer School is already offered at the district through the Choctaw Summer Program, 21st Century Grant, and has very good attendance. In addition to these, Wister Public Schools will offer Summer Enrichment Camps, which will help bridge the gaps in all aspects of education. These educational and instructional camps range from athletic subjects like hiking, gardening, e-sports, cooking (life skills), and archery that will teach students team building which promotes healthy social and emotional skills, to all educational subjects such as math, reading, science, STEM, robotics, fitness, and art. 23-24 and 24-25 Students participating will receive additional support, such as books and equipment, as well as online based academic intervention programs like reading interventions to offer added opportunities for academic and social and emotional growth. Wister Public School will to respond to academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of our students by purchasing educational materials and by providing services to meet the social and emotional needs of students. 23-24 Such services will consist of bringing in different speakers (Ronda Friend, Michael Mayo, and GNWY will be on campus) to work with students and staff. Topics include but are not limited to forgiveness, patience, kindness, perseverance, trustworthiness, career exploration, antibullying, and suicide prevention.

23-24 The Summer camp will have sports activities for students but those expenses will not be claimed against ARP ESSER III.

3. How the LEA will spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with the uses authorized in section 2001 (e)(2) of the ARP Act; and

Wister Public School will spend the remaining ESSER funds consistent with uses provided in section 2001 (e)(2) of the ARP Act in order to prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19. 23-24 and 24-25 Technology (hardware and software) and reading interventions will be purchased to get students excited about reading, such as books for book vending machines. 23-24 Graduation materials will be purchased to support Seniors. 24-25 In addition, a new phone/intercom system along with window film for security purposes will be installed throughout the district to ensure the safety of students, staff, and community. 24-25 Wister Public Schools also recognizes the extra work teachers and other staff have put in over the last three years because of COVID and CDC requirements, so a Board approved stipend will be issued to staff at the beginning of the 24-25 school year. The district will request reimbursement for the increase of insurance costs between FY20 and FY25. Barlow will be paid for assistance with the application process.

4. How the LEA will ensure that the interventions it implements, including but not limited to those implemented under section 2001 (e)(1) [20% set-aside], will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, including students from low-income families, students of color, English Learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care and migratory students?

Wister Public School will ensure that not only will the ARP ESSER funds be used for interventions using the 20% set-aside funding, but we will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health of all of our students. These students include students of low-income households, students of color, English Learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care and migratory students. Wister Public School will also provide school counselors when students need additional assistance. Wister Public Schools will also provide counselor intervention programs such as speakers and presentations to provide assistance for mental health.