

Leading the Way

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Foundational Statements

MISSION

TO PROVIDE A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT INSPIRES AND CHALLENGES STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES TO EXCEL

VISION

TO GRADUATE ALL STUDENTS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ATTITUDES NECESSARY FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE





COVID Funding Overview

ESSER I

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) \$1,089,904 (Funding through 09/30/2022)

ESSER II

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA)

\$4,317,698 (Funding through 09/30/2023)

ESSER III

American Rescue Plan (ARP)

\$9,696,937 (Funding through 09/30/2024)

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Homeless II \$21,116.90

Total allocations of \$15,125,655.90

COVID Funding Expenditures

Under direction of our Regional School Board, the superintendent, and feedback from stakeholders, NWABSD is leveraging our COVID funding for upcoming one-time expenses which include the following:

- Curriculum purchases including a new K-12 Language Arts curriculum, development of local Science curriculum, and a new K-12 Math curriculum
- Technology upgrades, server upgrades and a refresh of student and teacher devises, and the purchase of new devices to ensure one-toone device to student ratio
- The cost of providing counselors and counseling services to all students, one distance education teacher, and a CTE teacher

These expenses have been budgeted through the expiration of the funding period which ends on September 30th 2024.



COVID Funding Expenditures

Additional Covid Expenditures included:

- Pandemic stiped for classified staff
- COVID PPE, cleaning supplies, the cost of additional cleaning services, water filtration, and freight costs to the villages
- Stipend for employees for using home internet during school closures
- Cost of audio-conference lines and cellular service for at-home instruction by teaching staff/students during school closures
- At home supplies and materials for student during school closures
- Implementation of DocuSign for contactless paperwork completion.
- Additional desks and chairs needed for classroom social distancing
- Building maintenance/repairs needed for air quality



Overall Funding Outlook

COVID funding has allowed the district to continue operations without any drastic cuts to programs apart from the elimination of our PreK program. Nevertheless, the district's foundation funding continues to decrease due to a drop in our student count and is being impacted by the effects of inflation.

Other Negative factors:

Families are moving out of the region due to COVID and other reasons.

Increased expenses due to the of high teacher turnover

Any other local contributions to education are not expected to increase in the future.



Overall Funding Outlook

Despite the additional federal funding the district has received, NWABSD will continue to experience additional budget cuts in the coming years due to the ongoing increases in overall operating costs. Counselor support is an essential service at all sites and the district is committed to finding ways to support this service without making cuts to other programs.

2021-2022 school year is also a negotiation year for all our bargaining units which will result in an increase in personnel costs.



