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ESSER III Use of Funds Plan – School District U-46

The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) fund provides states and school districts help to safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the nation's students.

School District U-46 has received a total allocation of \$82.7 million to be spent by September 30, 2024.

Use of Funds: Learning Loss:

An LEA must reserve not less than 20 percent (20%) of its total ARP ESSER allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive after-school programs, or extended school year programs. It must ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups.

Summer Enrichment:

School District U-46 will create summer enrichment programs with over 12 different community partners. These programs will be focused on one of the following target areas:

- A. Academic enrichment activities that help keep students engaged in learning over the summer months.
- B. Social issues relevant to the student population they are serving
- C. Physical Activity
- D. Exploring cultural awareness
- E. Artistic expression
- F. Learning activities to promote good nutrition and a healthy lifestyle
- G. Science and math learning opportunities
- H. Character building opportunities
- I. Study skills
- J. Personal skill(s) development
- K. Community involvement
- L. Asset Building

These partnerships are designed to support student engagement and access to programming in preparation for the School District U-46 Post-COVID Response to Learning. Students and Households will complete a pre and post survey to gather data concerning: expectations, connectivity, successes, growths, and goals.

Comprehensive After School Program:

School District U-46 will partner with Right at School and the Boys and Girls Club to provide after school programming which will allow students more time to work in academic teams and



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also all teachers time to collaborate with each other in professional learning communities, where they will engage in cycles of inquiry as it relates to monitoring student progress toward mastering standards and planning instruction to meet student needs.

Professional Development:

School District U-46 will partner with Learning Sciences International to create schools of rigor and equity. Through ongoing executive leadership coaching, the team will grow their capacity to recognize scientific indicators of rigorous instruction and real-time evidence of student learning, to conduct root cause analysis of performance, and to provide actionable, data-informed feedback to principals. These skills will be essential in support of schools that can only reach and sustain high levels of performance through the work of well-calibrated and cooperative teams of instructional leaders. As a result, leadership capacity in all schools will be supported to most improve the quality of teaching and learning.

This partnership is designed to build systemic leadership capacity through a sequence of training, coaching, support, and guided release. At the conclusion of the partnership, with strong leadership and instructional practices enculturated at all levels of the district, U-46 will have the capacity, leading metrics, and transparency of progress to meet the goals of the strategic plan.

Renovations/Construction:

School District U-46 will improve the overall indoor air quality, which will help prepare and respond to COVID-19. Many of the schools have HVAC and boiler systems are at the end of their useful life cycle.

The ESSER spending plan was presented to the public as part of the budget presentation, at the Board of Education meeting on August 23, 2021. Public comments and feedback can be submitted via email to board@u-46.org

Below is a summary of Funding by Category:

Funding by Category	Allocation
Instruction - Schools of Rigor and Equity	20,915,587.00
Instruction - Loss of Learning	15,097,336.00
Instruction - Summer enrichment programs	8,858,921.00
Health Services	914,775.00
Improvement of Instruction Services	10,049,502.00
Renovations and Construction	18,688,700.00
Payments to Other Districts and Government Units	2,221,190.00
Indirect Costs/Other	6,007,097.00
Total ARP - LEA American Rescue Plan (ESSER III)	82,753,108.00