

ESSER 3 (ARP) Spending Plan for Augusta School Department

September 13, 2021

The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund provides funding to support schools in safely reopening and sustaining safe operations while meeting the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, particularly underserved student groups.

Below is a summary of how Augusta School Department plans to spend \$6,899,652.55 of ESSER 3 funds over the course of the 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years, based on 3 top identified priorities.

1. Addressing Learning Loss

The pandemic has disrupted learning for our students and we need to respond to the academic and social emotional needs of our students. The Augusta School Department will address those needs by:

- Hiring interventionists and teachers for Cony
- Hiring Interventionists for the elementary schools
- Implementation of a new Illustrative Mathematics Program, K-5
- Providing learning platforms and software programs for differentiating instruction
- Providing updated devices for students in grades 10-12
- Providing updated devices for teachers
- Funding Extended School Year programs
- Providing teacher support through Math and Technology Mentors and summer work days
- Upgrade high speed internet access

2. Creating safe and healthy learning facilities

- Hiring additional custodial staff
- Additional PPE, cleaning supplies and filter changing at all schools
- Installing heating pump systems in the four elementary schools
- Installing univentilators at Lincoln, Farrington and CATC
- Installing ventilation system at CATC
- Moving Adult Education to the Buker facility

3. **Addressing social, emotional and mental health needs resulting from the pandemic**

- Hiring an additional Reintegration Specialist for Cony
- Purchasing Caring School Community program for K-6
- Purchasing Trauma-Invested materials
- Funding Extended School Year programs
- Exploring alternative pathways

We welcome input from all stakeholders on this planned use of funds. Please submit any feedback by Monday, September 20 at the following link:

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