

## DISTRICT USE OF ARP ESSER III FUNDS

Boyd County Schools has requested input regarding the use of ARP ESSER III funds by surveying district patrons through an online form posted on the district website and emailed the teachers on staff. The district also held public meetings at the July, September, and December board meetings that were advertised in the local papers for input and review by the public regarding different elements related to, or reviewing the requirements and use of ARP ESSER funds. The survey asked specific questions on how to use these available funds, along with the allowable uses of these funds. Additionally, space was provided for other input ideas that were not on the survey.

The school district determined to use these funds in the following ways:

- 1) Addressing the academic impact of lost instruction time and ensure response to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of our students, a mental health counselor has been contracted for our district through ESU #8. We have also hired a full-time reading interventionist to serve the needs of our elementary students, in addition to the regular reading curriculum.
- 2) A minimum of 20% of the ARP funds will be spent addressing the academic impact of learning loss due to the pandemic. Teacher training, and in-service training to select and purchase new curriculum in Language Arts and Math will ensure the latest in research based materials for selection.
- 3) An additional Science teacher will aid in reducing class size, not only for the high school grades, but for the middle school grades as well. By offering additional courses in science, students are freed up to take classes in a variety of other curricular areas, as well as opportunities for more advanced courses.
- 4) Funds will be spent purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the school facilities. Purchases will be made for each building to have a Victory electrostatic sprayer at each facility to spray down the high traffic areas, to disinfect surfaces in an effort to reduce the amount of virus spread.
- 5) Lastly, we will purchase a larger 59 passenger bus, allowing us to better social distance our students when traveling to activities and/or routes.

Total allocation of ESSER III funds for Boyd County Schools-\$542,515. Opportunities for support will be available for all students regardless of color, economic status, ELL status, or disability.