

ARP-ESSER Use of Funds Plan:

The Northport School Department has determined through a variety of input opportunities (town meeting, school board meeting, staff meetings) to use the funds available through the American Rescue Plan to hire a fulltime Intervention Teacher for the Edna Drinkwater School.

The need for this position was determined after reviewing last years NWEA scores, as well as, through teacher based measurements. The Edna Drinkwater Schools followed a hybrid model for the majority of the 2020-21 school year and prior to that was fully remote from March 13, 2020 to June 15, 2020. Although we provided students with both direct and technology based learning opportunities it was felt that there were gaps in learning for some students that require intervention beyond the regular classroom.

The Northport School Department has determined through a variety of input opportunities (town meeting, school board meeting, staff meetings) to use the funds available through the American Rescue Plan to purchase a system capable generator.

The Edna Drinkwater School has experienced power losses resulting in school closures in the past. Given that students have lost time in the past two years due to Covid keeping them in the classroom is critical to their learning. In addition, power losses would impact our ability to maintain our air filtration systems and provide meals for our students. A power loss would limit basic hygiene needs such as hand washing. In the event of a Covid impacted school closure our teaching staff will be in school relying on technology to provide learning opportunities for students, this could not occur without a reliable and consistent power source.