

ESSER 3 (ARP) Spending Plan for Augusta School Department

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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. Below is a summary of how the 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 Augusta School Department will address delayed or lost learning by:

- Hiring Permanent Substitute Teachers for each school through 2024
- Hiring Delayed Learning Classroom Teachers/or/Ed. Technician for each Elementary school
- Implementation of a new Illustrative Mathematics Program, K-6
- Providing learning platforms and software programs for differentiating instruction
- Funding Extended School Year programs, including credit recovery opportunities at the MS/HS level and after school tutoring programs K-12
- Adding a robust Summer School for all, and Vacation School for MS/HS students
- Providing teacher support through Math Mentors and Curriculum Leader and summer work days

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
- Upgrading ventilation at CATC, and installed ventilators at Lincoln, Farrington and CATC
- Moving to, and upgrading the Adult Education facility at the Buker facility with copiers
- Installing swipe card entry, and monitoring software to all school facilities
- Installing a generator for the Cony MS/HS/CATC campus.
- Technology upgrades including new photocopiers throughout the district

3. Addressing social, emotional needs resulting from the pandemic

- Hiring an additional School Nurse for the District
- Purchasing Caring School Community program for K-6
- Update the district's Multiple Tiered System of Supports with teacher professional development
- Offering Teacher Professional Development

We continue to welcome input and feedback from all stakeholders. Please submit any feedback at the following link: [Feedback Form](#)