## **Watervliet Public Schools Communty Survey**

## Prioritization of American Rescue Plan ESSER Funds

Watervliet Public Schools conducted a survey of the community regarding the desired use of funds received under the <u>American Rescue Plan - ESSER III</u>. Watervliet Public Schools will be able to draw from a fund estimated at approximately \$1.5 million. We wish to utilize this one-time money in a manner that provides long-term, sustainable benefits to the school community.

Please be aware that, despite some rumors to the contrary, the receipt and use of this money is not related to strategies outlined in the district Return To Learn plan. Federal requirements regarding the receipt and use of all ESSER funds are restricted to our having a plan to return to in-person learning (but not to the contents of the plan) and to conducting and publishing this survey.

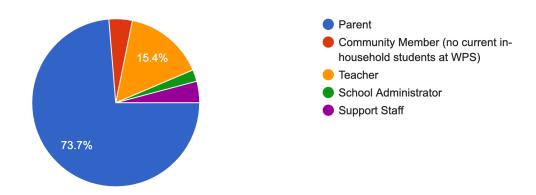
## **Survey Composition:**

WPS received 266 survey responses - a very good result for most of our community surveys.

- 74% of respondents identified as Parent
- 15% of respondents identified as Teacher
- 5% of respondents identified as Community Member
- 4% of respondents identified as Support Staff
- 2% of respondents identified as School Administrator
- Top Five (of 12) Priorities from the Survey:
  - Projects that repair or upgrade indoor air quality in school facilities including heating, air conditioning, filtering, purification, and other air cleanings. Window and door repair or replacement. (56.8%)
  - Providing mental health services and supports. (42.1%)
  - Provide school leaders with the resources necessary to address the needs of their individual schools. (40.2%)
  - Planning for and coordinating during long-term school closures, including providing meals to students, providing technology for online learning to students, carrying out services for students with IEPs, and other activities to assure educational services can be provided during closures. (39.5%)
  - Addressing learning loss among all students. (38.3%)
- We will use these priorities, along with our Strategic Plan, to align the use of ESSER III
  monies and allocate the funds appropriately.

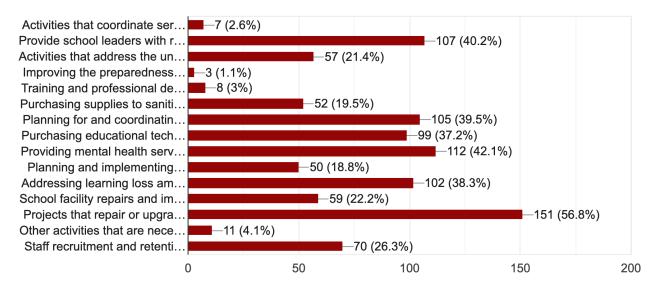
## I am answering this question as a...

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Below are the allowable uses of the ARP-ESSER III funds. Please select up to four (4) that you believe should be the highest priority for WPS.

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