

Superintendent's Roundtable

Thursday Oct. 28, 2021

7pm Rutherford High School Auditorium

CRRSA – ESSER II Act (Corona Virus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations)

ARP – ESSER III (American Rescue Plan)

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CRRSA -ESSER II allocations
\$675,437.00

Learning Accelerations	43,346.00
	45,000.00

Total awards	\$768,783.00
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December 27, 2020 – American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER signed into law.

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RHS Summer Enrichment Program

- 9th Grade students were invited based on multiple measures that identified students for the need of interventions.
- Students were separated into two groups that allowed for individualized attention
- Focus on foundational skills needed to be successful in high school courses.

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RHS Before School and After School

- Teachers recommend students who have experienced learning loss.
- Math/English teachers meet with students for 12 sessions over the course of 6 weeks.
- Teachers accelerate learning through individualized instruction.

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RHS - ELA SMARTS

- SMARTS program is being interwoven in both our specialized reading class, our self-contained SLD/LLD classroom and will be included in the upcoming ELA enrichment program.
- The program offers a scaffolded and comprehensive approach to helping students develop their executive functions, especially activating working memory, organizational skills, and metacognition.

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RHS – ALEKS

(Assessment Learning In Knowledge Spaces)

- Curriculum specific software to be utilized in the Zero Period/After School Math Program
- Provides individualized support based on the course a student is enrolled

Union Middle School

Zero Period at UMS

After School ELA/Math Recovery Program

- AM Group/PM Group
- ELA- Literacy Recovery for Grades 7 and 8.
- Math- Pre-Algebra/Algebra I Skills Recovery for Grades 7 and 8.
- Identify Students via Teacher Recommendation.
- Address learning gaps in ELA and mathematics.
- AM Session 7:00AM-7:45AM.
- PM Session 3:05PM-3:50PM.

Summer RTI Program at Pierrepont School

ELA and math for students who had just completed 4th, 5th, and 6th grade.

- Twelve sessions running 90 minutes for both ELA and math.
- RTI staff analyzed data from end-of-year benchmark assessments to determine skill based curriculum for areas identified as being of the greatest need.
- Students utilized Chromebooks for online lessons as well as hands-on activities in the summer classes.

Grades K through 12

NEWSELA

- Newsela is an instructional content platform that brings together engaging content with integrated assessments and instructional supports to foster reading engagement.
- This platform can be used support or enhance popular curricular materials across multiple disciplines.
- Newsela offers curated readings for science, social studies, and financial literacy, as well as up-to-date current event articles, and social emotional learning. Readings are also aligned to NJ state standards and mandates.
- There are features and tools that allow for differentiation. For example, texts can be shifted on a Lexile level to ensure both strong and struggling readers understand the content.

Grades K through 12

IXL - all grades

IXL provides individualized instructional support and accelerated learning.

- Can be utilized for individual, small group, or whole class instruction.
- Diagnostic assessment and recommended skills are utilized in the RTI program at RHS.

September Update:

- K-3 teachers completed the "Getting Started" Webinar on 9/27.
- 4-8 teachers are becoming familiar with the platform in preparation for upcoming professional development.
- RHS is at 100% teacher engagement as IXL has been previously utilized in the high school.

Grades K through 12

Technology supplies

- **Chromebooks for grade 9** - distributed to all grade 9 students to replacing the Chromebooks assigned to them in grade 6.
- **Chromebook 2 in 1 (touchscreen) grades K and 1** - all have been distributed. Touch screen devices are commonplace for young children. The Chromebook 2 in 1 will allow our lower elementary students to engage interactively in an intuitive fashion with actions as simple as touching, swiping and pinching while transitioning to the touchpad and keyboard.
- **iPads, cases, and apps for ABA program** - devices will be updated with apps provided by Special Services.

Grades K through 12

Ramapo for Children

- Three (2) hour SEL trainings for all support staff in June, September and October.
- The trainings offered concrete suggestions and guidance for improving classroom and building climate, conflict resolutions and building authentic relationships.

Grades K through 12

Care Plus – Grades K through 12

Through Care Plus, we have retained the services of a licensed clinician to help the K-12 school population with additional mental health support in our school community. This individual is assisting our mental health programs by retaining referrals given through them for students that require a higher level of care and support throughout their day. Additionally, they can provide the parents and guardians additional linkages to outside resources through the Care Plus organization and other Bergen County agencies.

Instead of having school clearances be completed by an outside entity or hospital, this clinician is providing in house school clearance assessments for students that may be a danger to themselves or others. It's a service that is very well received since families do not have to take their child to a hospital or agency setting that is unfamiliar to them. The turnaround time for school clearances is quicker and the clinician can also assist with resources at that time. Should the student not be cleared to remain in school, the parent would be instructed to follow up with a mental health practice.

We are working with Care Plus at this time to choose which PD to provide to our staff and parents.

Grades 1 through 3

CARS Curriculum Work:

(Connected Action Roadmap)

- Grade level teams have begun discussing interdisciplinary connections/thematic planning.
- Making connections through the Standards to Science, Social Studies, Specials.
- Grade level teams have either started writing the lesson templates, or will begin doing so in subsequent grade level meetings.

Grades K through 12

CASEL

(Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning)

- Understand CASEL's Theory of Action for systemic SEL implementation in service of equity and excellence, including the 10 indicators of school-wide SEL.
- Develop and apply strategies to promote SEL for students and to strengthen adult SEL competencies and capacity.
- Assess our current SEL implementation, resources, and needs.
- Develop goals for implementing and sustaining school-wide SEL

Grades K through 8

STEM/Elementary Science:

- Grades K-5 Mystery Science Subscription purchase through June 2023.
- Mystery Science Supply kits for grades 4 & 5.
- Generation Genius Subscription through June 2023 which provides grades 7 & 8 science teachers with simulations and videos.
- Mosa Mack/Rocket Lit subscription through June 2023 for grade 6.
- Ongoing purchase of STEM supplies for grades 4-6 and science supplies for the specialist for grades K-3.

Grades K through 12

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The Rutherford Public School District has purchased masks, wipes, desk shields, and hand sanitizers for all schools with ESSER II grant award monies.

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ARP – ESSER III

American Rescue Plan – The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III Fund. *Signed into law. March 11, 2021.*

Application is due November 24, 2021.

Primary Grant: \$1,518,000

20% (\$303,600) must be reserved to address learning loss.

Breakdown:

- Accelerated Learning Coaching & Education Support Grant: \$209,866
- Evidence-Based Summer Learning & Enrichment Activities Grant: \$40,000
- Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant \$40,000
- MTSS Mental Health Support Staffing Grant: \$45,000

Breakdown Total: \$334,866

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- To contact the Superintendent of Schools with comments please email:

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