

Dear Families,

Like other districts, the North Greenbush Common School District is scheduled to receive a one-time federal funding through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) as follows:

ARP: \$153,657 to be spent between March 13, 2020 to September 30, 2024

CRRSSA \$ 68,415 to be spent between March 13, 2020 to September 30, 2023

The funds must be budgeted appropriately over the next two to three years.

The federal investments require a community engagement process. The district is committed to providing our families the opportunity to give input on how to best use these one-time funds to support students during the pandemic and to address impacts that the pandemic has had on students and faculty.

The district will post its plan for how the funds will be expended and how we will prioritize spending on non-recurring expenses in the following areas:

- safely return students back in person
- maximizing in-person instruction time
- operating schools and meeting the needs of students
- purchasing educational technology
- addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, including the impacts of interrupted instruction and learning loss
- implementing evidence-based summer, afterschool and other extended social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs
- offering evidence-based summer school, after school and other extended learning and enrichment programs
- supporting early childhood education
- purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities
- training and professional development for staff on sanitation and minimizing spread of infectious diseases

The district has created a survey for parents/guardians and community to provide input that will help prioritize the categories in which the district will use its allocated federal funds. The survey ask you to prioritize potential uses of these funds in a variety of categories.

Please take the weekend to complete the attached survey and respond by Monday, July 12th.

We value your input as we work to maximize this funding. Thank you for your time and thoughts.

Sincerely,
Sally Shields
Superintendent

Allocation of Funds

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Email *

Your email



Please prioritize these categories based on how you believe funds should be allocated to best serve our students and school district as we rebuild from the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. *

	1 (low priority)	2 (neutral)	3 (high priority)
Safety and Security of Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Educational Technology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Learning Acceleration (enrichment opportunities)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Summer School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
After-School Academic Programming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Additional Academic Intervention Support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Additional Early Childhood Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
HVAC (ventilation/air system)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Additional suggestions not listed above

Your answer:

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American Rescue Plan Act

The American Rescue Plan Act is a one-time Federal stimulus fund that has specific parameters in how it may be spent. Funds are provided to State educational agencies and school districts to be used to address the educational impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children, their families, and educational institutions.

The North Greenbush Common School District has been awarded \$153,762. This funding is available through September 30, 2024.

Funds may be spent the following ways:

- Safely return students back in person
- Maximizing in-person instruction time
- Operating schools and meeting the needs of students
- Purchasing educational technology
- Addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, including the impacts of interrupted instruction, and learning loss
- Implementing evidence-based summer, afterschool and other extended social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs
- Offering evidence-based summer school, afterschool and other extended learning and enrichment programs
- Supporting early childhood education
- Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean facilities
- Training and professional development for staff on sanitation and minimizing spread of infectious diseases

After considering our students' needs and the needs of the district, we have planned to use these funds as noted below:

- Provide a 6-week Enrichment Summer School Program
- Provide an 8-week After School Enrichment Music Program

- Reduce class size in ELA and Math by hiring an additional part time teacher
- Acquire Promethean Boards for classrooms and teacher computers to improve educational technology
- Expand our lending library to allow more access to children's books/literature beyond the school day
- Acquire horseshoe reading tables to support small group instruction
- Acquire materials and supplies needed for summer school and enrichment opportunities
- Add daily custodial time to provide additional cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting to keep our school safe to maximize in-person instruction for our students
- Expand and upgrade the HVAC system to improve indoor air quality

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Plan for use of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds

The North Greenbush School District is not eligible for the CARES Act or State Education Foundation Aid, however, we are seeking to apply for a Grant under the American Rescue Plan (COVID relief funding for schools). Our plan for the use of these ARP funds includes the following priority areas:

- To provide support for students that will help address interrupted instruction or learning time/loss including the hiring an additional PT teacher in order to maximize in-person instructional time
- To provide summer school instruction in literacy & math which is open to all students, including entering Kindergarteners
- To provide opportunities throughout the school year for all students that address social, emotional and mental health
- To provide enrichment opportunities during the year for all students
- To purchase educational technology for students to use such as Chromebooks and interactive classroom Smartboards
- To significantly expand the classroom lending library to provide more access for all students to literature
- To provide the safe return of our students to in-person instruction by purchasing furniture (desks, chairs, tables) in order to modify classroom spaces so students and teachers can socially distance in all instructional areas
- To support the safe reopening of school by purchasing and providing PPE's, improving the school's air quality and ventilation systems and providing additional custodial services in order to clean, disinfect and maintain a healthy facility