



SILVER LAKE MUSTANGS

As part of your ESSER III Assurance Statements, the US Department of Education requires all districts to post their plan for uses of funds on their webpages.

Based on input we received from stakeholders it was evident that people wanted to make sure we prioritized some form of curriculum at both buildings. Their thought behind this was simple - why not update some curriculum when we have the chance. The teachers and administrators all wanted to make sure we utilized resources as responsibly as possible while mental health continued to be a major conversation piece. This is where the idea of Liesel came to fruition. Our Apple Lease payment - providing these computers to our students is something that definitely helps provide equal access to resources for all students district wide. Cleaning and disinfecting was a major concern amongst some who had children in the district. Prioritizing facility safety was the major factor in determining the need for a night custodian at both sites.

In an effort to follow CDC guidance for enhanced cleaning we have hired a night custodian for each site. In order to better protect our students and staff against the spread of Covid we will have additional disinfecting and prevention measures that need to be performed outside of the school day hours. The wages and benefits of said employees will be offset by ESSER III dollars to make this more cost effective for the district.

In order to address the academic impact of lost instructional time throughout the pandemic we will be adopting a new 7-12 Social Studies curriculum. It is important that we continue to update our curriculum and ESSER III funds will help us ensure that all of our students receive high quality educational materials across our social studies curriculum. New Reading/Language Arts will be adopted K-6. These are our two content areas at each particular facility that are most in need of updates. We will also be offering a Jump-Start program for our elementary students to get ready prior to the school years. This will run the two weeks ahead of the beginning of the school year. Our 7-12 students will have the opportunity to attend extended school days at the high school from the end of the school day to 5:30 p.m. one day each week throughout the school year. This will provide additional opportunities to address learning loss due to the pandemic.

Mental health is a growing demand in our district. Liesel Hogan is our LMHP who serves both facilities. We will be paying her salary out of ESSER III funding. We utilized ESU 9 to get an excellent staff member on hire for these services.

The district will use ESSER III funds to pay the amount of our laptop lease agreement payment that is not already covered by ESSER II funds. These laptops are significant that they are provided to all students in grades 3-12 and that we provide equal opportunities to all students to succeed across our district.

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We feel as though we have outlined a responsible manner of utilizing our ESSER funding. We have addressed the academic impact of lost instructional time by creating more learning opportunities for our students. We have addressed the mental health needs of all students; including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students with the addition of additional hours for our LMHP. Liesel has been an amazing addition to our student body and is a resource that all students at Silver Lake have equal access to. We have also used funding to make our Apple payment to make sure every student has access to a computer. Our school mission statement reads every student every opportunity every day - Silver Lake is dedicated to every student's academic and personal success and I feel our usage of ESSER funding is a prime example of this.

This district will review this plan as well as the safe return to school plan every six months as required.