

Pandemic Relief and Recovery Federal Funding Plan

Annual Update

June 21, 2022



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Agenda

- Timeline
- Survey results
- Overviews of CRRSA and ARP Acts
- Combined spending plan
 - Staffing
 - Learning environment
 - Technology
 - HVAC
- Overall status update



How did we get here?

2020

CARES Act

March 18
Schools shut down; remote instruction begins

March 27
Federal gov't announces Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or **CARES Act** for preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19.

May 7
NYS determines remainder of the 2020-21 school year will be remote

Sept. 14
Students return to school with remote or hybrid instruction

2021

CRRSA Act

Dec. 27
Federal gov't announces Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act or **CRRSA Act**

ARP Act

March 11
Federal gov't announces the American Rescue Plan or **ARP Act**

June 21
GCCSD sends survey to school to assess areas of priority for spending

2022

Aug. 2021 to Feb. 2022
GCCSD submits plans for spending CRRSA and ARP funds

This funding amounted to \$835,758 and has been spent.



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Survey Results

313

total responses from
students, staff members,
parents/guardians,
community members,
alumni, and more

67.7%

Providing social-emotional and mental health services and supports

62.7%

Implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' academic needs

54.8%

Facilities upgrades tied to air quality, ventilation, and health and safety

41.4%

Purchasing instructional technology

Please note: Percentages reflect top three selections totals



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Survey Comments

“No more remote. I want an in-person teacher with my child 5 days a week.”

“Tutoring is going to be that extra edge to help fix the gaps along with CRE education and focus.”

“I know my child is still behind from the covid pandemic and I know he could use as many resources as possible.”

“The evidence-based needs of our students should be the first and foremost use of funds, to support their scholastic and mental/emotional well-being. The kids and staff need all the support they can get.”

“The buildings need better ventilation.”



CRRSA Act Overview



Details on use: CARES Act items (preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19), addressing learning loss, preparing schools for reopening, and testing, repairing, and upgrading projects to improve air quality in school buildings

Non-Public Sharing: Not applicable

Accounting: Tracked in Special Aid Fund (F Fund)

Deadline: Available for submissions until 9/30/2023

GCCSD Allocation: \$3,651,509



ARP Act Overview



Details on use: Prior CARES- and CRRSA-type items, pandemic-related costs, purchasing technology, addressing student needs, facility repairs and improvements, and “other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in local educational agencies (LEA) and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA”

Non-Public Sharing: Not applicable

Accounting: Tracked in Special Aid Fund (F Fund)

Deadline: Available for submissions until 9/30/2024

GCCSD Allocation: \$6,429,018



Spending Plan: Staffing - Social Emotional

To hire or retain:

- 2 social workers (3 years)
- 6 school counselors (3 years)



Spending Plan: Staffing – Learning Loss

To hire or retain:

- 10+ academic intervention services teachers for reading and math (3 years)
- 3+ reading support teachers (3 years)
- 1 elementary literacy coach (3 years)



Spending Plan: Staffing – Other

To hire or retain:

- 1 CSE and AIS coordinator (1 year)
- 1 occupational therapy teacher (3 years)
- 1 physical therapy teacher (3 years)
- 4 teacher building substitutes (3 years)



Spending Plan: Staffing – Other Cont.

To provide:

Professional tutoring service

Stipends for summer enrichment programs (3 years)

Stipends for summer staff

Summer PD for instructional staff



Total Staffing Budget

Salaries and benefits equaling
\$6,338,060



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Spending Plan: Learning Environment

COVID-19 cleaning and
sanitizing supplies

\$50,000

46 classroom furniture sets

\$1,150,000



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Spending Plan: Technology

136 Boxlight classroom displays

\$399,318

Replaces aging Smart Boards that are failing districtwide; technology is better visually with built-in features to improve teaching and learning including Smart Notebook and wireless casting capabilities



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Spending Plan: HVAC

Replacement of eight (8)
rooftop air handlers

\$2,143,149

*Replaces 20- to 25-year-old units
allowing for filtration and efficiency
to increase. As we replace, we will
replace with air conditioning*



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Overall Status Update

- ✓ Currently working with the vendor Trane and the NYSED Office of Facilities Planning to design replacement HVAC systems
- ✓ Have hired or retained all staff per the original plan
- ✓ Purchase orders have been created and sent to vendor to acquire Boxlight interactive displays. We anticipate installation with begin in the upcoming months and continue for the foreseeable future.
- ✓ Currently establishing furniture replacement plan in collaboration with Master Library and staff



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