



Hadley-Luzerne Central School District



June 2023

ESSER/ARP

For the past three years, school districts in NYS received additional funding from the Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund allocated by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 to address learning loss and other items due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At least 20% of the funds were to be used to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as extended day or summer programs. The remainder of the funds could be used for other items including school facility repairs/improvements to reduce the risk of virus transmission and repair/replacement projects to improve indoor air quality.

Hadley-Luzerne CSD received a total of \$1,794,725 in ARP/ESSER federal funds from 2020-2023. These funds were used for:

- Tutoring services after school for students K-12
- Summer Success Program K-6
- Interactive flat panels in classrooms
- Additional teacher aides (4) to be utilized in both special education and regular education classrooms to ensure proper assistance for students' needs
- Additional substitute cleaners to ensure appropriate cleaning and disinfecting of all areas
- Pinpoint software for health screening of staff, along with a Google Meet casting set up for every classroom to assist with hybrid students and students who opt-out to ensure appropriate educational instruction
- Cloth masks and additional hand-held thermometers
- A temperature scanning kiosk at both buildings

ARP Funds were used for:

- Additional computer technician to assist with IT needs at both schools for a period of three years
- HVAC control system conversion



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- Replace three boilers replacement at SMTES
 - New chairs to accompany new desks to accommodate new students
 - Additional interactive boards to assist with learning and replacements for those aging out
 - Portable air purifiers for the bus garage to maintain good air quality
 - Kitchen carts and storage containers for cafeteria staff transporting food and clean trays

In addition, the district received Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) in the form of ESSER 2 (one-time costs) and Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER 2) funds.

ESSER 2 funds were used for:

- Additional AIS teacher
- Additional school counselor
- The Extended School Day program at SMTES for two years at 30 weeks/year
- Aides for the Extended School Day program to support students over two years
- Additional substitute teachers
- Additional LPN
- Additional teacher aides (3) to ensure sufficient staffing to assist new students coming that may require an aide with classroom academics or needs that surface after they have been evaluated
- Social security cost affiliated with salaries
- Behavioral Health Center Satellite to provide comprehensive clinical treatment that can include family services for new early learners and current students
- Interactive flat panel view boards in special education classrooms at both the elementary and high school to engage students with their learning process



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- Disinfecting wipes and gloves to ensure proper cleaning of all work areas by custodians and staff
 - Merv 11 and 13 filters for both buildings for better air filtering and purification
 - Replacement of water fountains with refillable stations

GEER funds were used for:

- Bluetooth headsets and webcams for virtual learning at all levels to comply with State Education hybrid law
- Increasing the school district's bandwidth to service and assist with virtual learning mandated by NYS

GEER 2 funds were used for:

- Summer Success speech teacher to provide speech services to early learners to better assist those in need prior to the beginning of school in the Fall
- Summer Success aides to assist in the classrooms with teachers to ensure adequate assistance with students' daily activities in the classroom setting
- Sani cloth disinfecting wipes for buses, to allow cleaning between runs
- Additional classroom desks for a new classroom being set up

With the third and final ESSER grant ending in September 2024, the district has planned for its expiration by incorporating some of the associated salaries and benefits above into the regular budget. The Extended School Day program will be ending at the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year.