

American Rescue Plan 2021

Pinconning Area Schools - 09090

1. Please describe the extent to which and how the funds will be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with the most recent CDC guidance on reopening schools, in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning:

Following the PASD Covid-19 Emergency Operation Plan, PASD implemented a layered strategy to provide the greatest level of protection for returning to school. We maintained compliance with orders set by the Bay County Health Department and promote vaccination for all staff and students that are of age. We offered community vaccination clinics as well as a test to stay program to keep students and staff in school. PASD provides PPE to staff and highly recommends masks to be worn by all staff. We have added air filtration systems in all classrooms, added staggered class times, K-5 had classes in cohorts and limited class sizes to follow social distance practices. We provide technology (Chromebooks to all students) and wifi access as needed. All students have access to the curriculum when out of school due to COVID-19. High-traffic areas of schools are cleaned more frequently, gatherings are limited in size and sports teams follow guidelines set by MHSAA. PASD expanded our SEL curriculum, provided SEL screeners to all students, provided meals to all students, and continued to work with outside agencies to support the needs of our families. PASD continues to review academic data and provide intense academic interventions to students that indicate the need. Facility improvements may include updates to HVAC systems, roofs, windows, entryway and corridor updates, communication systems, upgrades to all lock systems, cameras, and network upgrades to support new safety systems.

2. Please describe how the LEA will use the funds it reserves under section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act (see below) to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year:

With input from all stakeholders and following the PASD MICIP learning acceleration will occur by ensuring students have access to a guaranteed and viable curriculum, access to SEL supports, and a safe learning environment. PASD will select evidence-based interventions that address the academic and social-emotional needs of their student populations that are most impacted by the pandemic. With a core set of rigorous instructional practices aligned to the science of reading and mathematical practices, explicit, systematic instruction in foundational skills will be provided. Innovative technology usage in the classroom will provide comprehensive instructional practices to access grade-level texts and math acceleration interventions. Professional learning communities will analyze formative and summative assessments to ensure individualized interventions are provided in math and ELA. PASD will provide developmentally appropriate extended day learning options, summer school credit recovery, and innovative summer enrichment programs to all students, focusing on our most at-risk population.

3. Please describe how the LEA will spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act:

PASD leadership team considered the information provided by our community ESSER survey to designate the highest needs in our schools. Based on the results of surveys and needs, PASD will use the remaining funds to maintain the highest level of qualified staff at each school, with the consideration of adding staff if to allow for smaller class sizes and address teacher-student ratio. We will ensure access for all students by providing technological devices to each student and hot spots to those students in remote locations. Technology support will be provided in classrooms with upgrades to document cameras and whiteboards, as well as the hiring of a technology coach to ensure teachers have the necessary professional development and support to teach the essential standards.

4. Please describe how the LEA will ensure that the interventions it implements, including but not limited to the interventions implemented under section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act (see below) to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.

PASD ensures that the interventions it implements will address the academic impact of lost instructional time, will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including students most at-risk. This will be accomplished by aligning our district goal to provide a multi-tiered system of support for all students. PASD will address the impact of lost instructional time by providing evidence-based programming targeting our students, particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID Pandemic. We will ensure all students have access to highly qualified counselors and social workers. Results from benchmark assessments will be analyzed and the most at-risk students will receive intensive interventions and targeted support. We will continue to provide information and assistance to parents and families on ways to support students in areas of academics and social-emotional well-being to promote student engagement and reduce attendance issues. Instructional coaches will be utilized to ensure best practices and supports are provided to teachers, focusing on the areas of literacy and mathematics. Other considerations may include a developmental kindergarten program, co-teaching, additional paraprofessional support, intentional scheduling to allow for interventions during the school day, SEL and restorative practice training, and tutoring.