

## ARP ESSER Funds Spending Plan

The Liberty Benton Local School District will be using ARP ESSER funds for the following:

- The district will purchase and install four water bottle filling stations to promote the health and safety of our students and staff. This will greatly reduce touch points normally associated with traditional drinking fountain systems.
- The Liberty - Benton Elementary will be contracting with Sylvan Learning Center to provide remediation / intervention for our students who are most in need due to the academic impact of lost learning due to the Pandemic. This intervention / remediation is based on students who were not on track (yellow and red zone) on their latest Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark assessment for reading and their STAR score for Mathematics and who have shown a trend of being "not on track". The STAR was administered to our students no less than three times throughout the year. If a student was "not on track" the STAR was administered three additional times during the year to pinpoint areas of strength and need. Benchmark assessments were administered to all students at least twice during the year, unless the student was determined to be "not on track". In this case, the student was administered the Benchmark two additional times during the school year, during the midpoint of the year and also after the third nine weeks. Our Middle School students will also be given the opportunity to utilize the remediation / intervention services that are being offered through Sylvan Learning Center. These students will also be given the opportunity to participate in the Summer Intervention Program that will be offered prior to the start of school. During the school year tutoring for not on track students will be utilized. The LEA will be purchasing Laptops for teachers to use for on-line learning purposes that will include the use of Google Meets.
- We will be purchasing laptops and / or iPads for those teachers who are deemed our on-line learning teachers.
- The LEA will be hiring and providing salary and benefits to four teachers to lead our Acellus on-line learning platform and assist with providing continuity of services for all students. These teachers will be in charge of providing the on-line learning for these groups of students and monitoring their progress. Additionally, the teachers will be providing additional, supplemental lessons that will enhance the Acellus curriculum. These additional lessons, in the Elementary, will consist of a writing component, site word recognition and phonemic awareness, along with more in depth evaluation tools. These teachers will be administering state and local assessments, diagnostics and benchmarks. These teachers will monitor student attendance during Google Meets as well as monitor student progression to completion (educational goals) of the assigned Acellus grade level ban and report to parents and administrators with issues and concerns. The teachers will be providing daily interventions as well. The district will be purchasing licenses for each individual student who is enrolled on our on-line learning program through Acellus. Additionally, the district will also pay for teacher training that is tied to the on-line program. Our teachers will be provided with professional development to assist with this learning model.

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