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2022-23 School Year Plan for American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds

Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of maximizing in-person instruction time.

We do not foresee a need for additional non-recurring expenses in safely returning students to in-person instruction. We have purchased the necessary equipment to clean our schools and provide barriers where necessary so that students may safely occupy all instructional spaces in our buildings. We have already returned to full time in-person instruction for all students. Our plan is to have all students in attendance in-person in September.

Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of operating schools and meeting the needs of students.

We plan to continue the project to purchase air conditioners to address additional problematic classroom spaces to aid in the comfort of students and ensure they are ready and available to learn. If at any point students or staff are required to wear masks, air conditioning will help ensure their comfort and safety. The estimated cost of the air conditioners for the 2022-23 school year is approximately \$33,500.

Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of purchasing educational technology.

We plan to upgrade certain instructional technology to for use in our classrooms. We will be concentrating on replacing SmartBoards, devices and software to ensure that students have a seamless online experience. The cost for instructional technology is \$9,281.

Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, including the impacts of interrupted instruction and learning loss and the impacts on low-income students, children with disabilities, English language learners, and students experiencing homelessness.

The school district was opened the entire school year with no closures, so the need to address the impact of learning loss has significantly decreased. We are monitoring student progress, including our ENL population, through several measures including NWEA and classroom assessments and observation through the MTSS process.

We plan to utilize a 2-8 literacy coach to assist with strengthening classroom instruction in the area reading. The coach will work directly with teachers to model best practices. The coach would also arrange professional learning opportunities for teachers and then visit their classrooms to provide feedback on implementation. The cost of the literacy coach is estimated at \$100,000.

For the special education area, we plan to continue support in the area of speech and OT for our K-1 students. Additional FTE will be assigned to our primary buildings to address speech and OT in these earliest grades. These supports will be for three years; year 1 funded through the general fund budget and years 2 and 3 funded through the ARPA grant. We are looking to address issues in the earliest grades to support students with these goals. The cost of speech and OT s estimated at \$290,000.

Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs.

We will continue retain Northwell Health Strategic Partnership for Mental Health Services. The purpose of this partnership is to provide mental health services to children with special needs including psychiatric consultations and evaluations. This service will be funded through the Special Education general fund budget.

Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of offering evidence-based summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs.

We plan to offer Summer Skills Building support for children entering grades 1 thru 8 to support reading, writing and math skills. This program will be supported by office hours with Garden City teachers. The program will run for summer 2022, and will be evaluated for need and participation to see if it will be expanded to summer 2023. The estimated cost of the summer program is \$4,000.

For summer 2022, we also plan to offer an in-person summer program for students in grades K-5, receiving tier 3 reading support. The instruction will be in the area of reading and will focus on foundational skills. We anticipate not more than a 10:1 ratio to ensure focused and tailored supports are in place. The program will run three days a week, for four weeks. The estimated cost of the summer program is \$20,000.

The following programs will continue beyond the availability of federal funds and we will use the following local funds in order to minimize disruption to core academic and other school programs.

We plan to use local funds to continue to provide all of the services outlined above as necessary including but not limited to the services of Northwell Health's Strategic Partnership for Mental Health.