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2021-22 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 purchase approximately 100 air conditioners for 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 is approximately \$180,000.

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

We plan to upgrade certain instructional technology 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 \$19,660.

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.

We plan to provide after school support and parent workshops for our ENL students. The after school support will be provided by our teachers to address learning loss. The workshops will address ways parents can support their child at home and learn more about building level programs. The workshops will also strengthen home and school communication. The cost of this program is estimated at \$8,000.

For the special education area we plan to provide more supports 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 language, fine motor and sensory needs. The cost of speech and OT s estimated at \$300,000.

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 enter into a Northwell Health Strategic Partnership for Mental Health Services at an estimated cost of \$100,000 for the first year. 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 run a summer program for students entering grades 1 thru 6 to support reading, writing and math skills. This program will be administered through SCOPE utilizing Garden City teachers in the classrooms. The program will run for summer 2021, and will be evaluated for need and participation to see if it will be expanded to summer 2022. The estimated cost of the summer program is \$100,000.

We are also planning a before/after program for students needing additional supports in reading/math K-12. This will also concentrate on skills building to ensure students have adequate supports. The estimated cost of this program is \$48,000.

Last, we are planning a Saturday, project- based program for elementary. This estimated cost of this program is \$16,000.

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.