Section: Narratives - Needs Assessment

Introduction

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and Pennsylvania Act 24 of 2021 (Act 24), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) will award approximately \$ 249,848,000 or five percent (5%) of Pennsylvania's ARP Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) State Reserve funds to school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools (collectively, LEAs) = to implement evidence-based interventions that address learning loss in response to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students and subgroups of students impacted by COVID-19 public health emergency that supplement school programs and activities.

Act 24 requires that LEAs, at a minimum, use the funds they are awarded under this subgrant in the following ways: .

Percentage of LEA Allocation - Required Activities

30% - To address the social, emotional and mental health needs of students

10% - To provide professional development and technical assistance to educators, school support staff, school leaders and school health professionals to address the social, emotional and mental health needs of students.

8% - To address reading remediation and improvement for students

The remaining allocation may be used by the LEA to address and/or supplement other areas of learning loss caused by the pandemic.

Act 24 also requires that, when available, existing personnel shall be utilized by school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools to staff programs and activities established with these grant funds.

Within 90 days of receipt of these allocations, school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools must submit a three-part plan to PDE, that outlines the proposed use of the grant money, itemized by program and activity. This plan is part of a consolidated application that includes after-school programming, summer activities, and a comprehensive plan to address learning loss. The plan shall include:

- 1) A description of each program and activity
- 2) A narrative outlining the expected benefit of each program and activity
- 3) A budget for each program and activity detailing personnel and operating costs.

Through this grant application, LEAs will meet their requirement of developing a three-part plan, including describing their planned programming, a narrative outlining the expected benefit of each program and activity, as well as an overview of how the LEA determined the areas of need to be addressed, including the use of stakeholder feedback.

PDE has developed the Accelerated Learning Toolkit, a significant cadre of resources and trainings, to support LEAs in the development of their plans. The Accelerated Learning Toolkit can be found Link to Accelerated Learning Toolkit.

Needs Assessment: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the impact of the pandemic on their

students, examine disproportionate impacts on specific student groups, and highlight the LEA's promising practices in supporting student needs since March 2020.

Indicators of Impact

 Understanding the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Describe how the LEA has identified or will identify the extent of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student learning and well-being. Specifically, what methods (i.e., collecting and analyzing data and information from focus groups, surveys, and local assessment results) were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts in four key areas: (1) Social and Emotional Learning, (2) Professional Development needs to support Social and Emotional Learning, (3) Reading Remediation and Improvement for Students, and (4) Other areas of Learning Loss?

	Method used to Understand Each Type of Impact
Social and Emotional Learning	The Fannett-Metal School District (FMSD) will be partnering with the Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12 (LIU12) as a source to provide training for staff. FMSD will use these frameworks to support social-emotional and behavioral instruction to improve conditions for learning. Through this training, the district will establish a safe, supportive learning environment in each building to include and plan for equitable and trauma-informed principles. FMSD will make use of data and these trained practices to ensure equity and inclusion through a multi-tiered and multi-level approach. FMSD will provide these services to ensure all students have access to quality academic, social, emotional, and behavioral instruction. In addition, the district will be be utilizing some of these funds to pay for afterschool and summer enrichment programs.
Professional Development for Social and Emotional Learning	The district will engage in Trauma-Informed Team Training. This will either be through a PDE recommended provider (like Gittings Protective Security, Inc.) or through self-paced individual modules (https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/trauma-sensitive-schools-training- package). In addition, the district will be partnering with the Lincoln Intermmediate Unit 12 (LIU12) as a provider for Social and Emotional Learning Training. Other professional development providers may be utilized as well.
Reading Remediation and Improvement for Students	The district will be allocating these funds to programs such as: Renaissance – Star Reading / Accelerated Reader, myON Star Reader Connection, iStation Reading Program, Read 180 or Systems 44, or through EdOptions.
Other Learning Loss	As a benchmark program, the district will be using Study Island for Reading (along with Math and Science) and will also be utilizing the services of the Intermediate Unit. In addition, the district will be purchasing all-in-one promethean boards for each instructional area.

Documenting Disproportionate Impacts

2. Identify the student groups in the LEA that faced particularly significant impacts from the pandemic in the areas of Social and Emotional Learning, Reading Remediation and Improvement, or any other areas of learning loss that the LEA will address with this funding source. For each, provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts.

Student Group	Area of Impact	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts
Children with Disabilities	Social and Emotional Learning	Targeting those lower leveled learners who may need Extended School Year instruction.
Children from Low-Income Families	Reading Remediation and Improvement	Providing educational programs to enhance reading comprehension, not only during, but afterschool and through the summer.

Section: Narratives - Learning Loss Program Questions

Learning Loss Program Questions: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to support accelerated learning to combat learning loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic for their students. Please use the following link to ensure that your calculated values below are equal to the values published on PDE's website. The file contains your LEA's MINIMUM required reserves for Learning Loss to address SEL, SEL PD, and Reading Improvement. Click to download reserve amounts.

*LEA's can choose to spend MORE than the minimum required reserves for Learning Loss. Those values will be entered in the budget sections.

<u>Section 3a – Social and Emotional Learning</u>: As schools across the Commonwealth return to school, LEAs face increased challenges in addressing the mental health needs of their students and staff. LEAs are required to utilize **A MINIMUM of THIRTY PERCENT (30%)** of funding available through this grant application to support the Social and Emotional Learning of their students. In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to address these needs. Please reference the SEL framework to assist in developing this plan.

- 3. Calculate 30% of LEA Allocation as the **MINIMUM REQUIRED RESERVE** for Social and Emotional Learning. (Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)
 - This value will be needed in the corresponding budget section.

	Total LEA Allocation	Multiply by 30% (.30)	Minimum Allocation for SEL
Minimum 30% SEL Requirement	164,429	30%	49,329

4. Describe the data sources the LEA is using to identify social and emotional needs of students and identify areas of strength and concerns in the learning environment.

The district will offer extended school year (ESY) services to our most vulnerable student population. This portion of the set-aside funding will support not only the social and emotional needs of these students, but also the cost of their general instruction during ESY and transportation to and from the facility. The Fannett-Metal School District (FMSD) will be partnering with the Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12 (LIU12) as a source to provide training for staff. FMSD will use these frameworks to support social-emotional and behavioral instruction to improve conditions for learning. Through this training, the district will establish a safe, supportive learning environment in each building to include and plan for equitable and trauma-

informed principles. FMSD will make use of data and these trained practices to ensure equity and inclusion through a multi-tiered and multi-level approach. FMSD will provide these services to ensure all students have access to quality academic, social, emotional, and behavioral instruction. In addition, the district will be be utilizing some of these funds to pay for afterschool and summer enrichment programs.

5. Program/Activities – Please describe the planned program activities and identify the type of activity and the number of students to be served by that activity.

Program Activity	Student Group	Type (Universal, Targeted, Intensive)	Number of Students Served
Instruction	Children with Disabilities	Intensive	7
Tansportation	Children with Disabilities	Intensive	7

6. How will the LEA assess the success of the SEL program? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
We will evaluate the success of this SEL program based on direct student performance and attendance within the class.	weekly	We expect each student will develop a stronger understanding of their own social and emotional needs through their time at ESY.

<u>Section 3b – Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development:</u> LEAs face increased challenges in addressing the mental health needs of their students and staff. LEAs are required to utilize **A MINIMUM OF TEN PERCENT (10%)** of funding available through this grant application to support professional development activities and technical assistance for educators, school support staff, school leaders and school health professionals to address the social, emotional and mental health needs of students. In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to address these needs.

7. Calculate 10% of LEA Allocation as the **MINIMUM REQUIRED RESERVE** for Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development. (Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)

• This value will be needed in the corresponding budget section.

	Total LEA Allocation	Multiply by 10% (.10)	Minimum Allocation for SEL PD
Minimum 10% SEL PD Requirement	164,429	10%	16,443

- 8. Describe the planned professional development activities and how the activity will ensure that teachers/staff are equipped with training/support on the following:
 - a. Social emotional learning and support for students that have suffered trauma during the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - b. Identifying signs of possible mental health issues and providing culturally relevant support;
 - c. Motivating students that have been disengaged;
 - d. Mentoring students who have attendance issues before it becomes a pattern;
 - e. Self-care and mindfulness strategies for teachers;
 - f. Engaging and communicating effectively with parents;
 - g. Working with community agencies to address non-academic needs.

Professional Development Activity	Number of Staff Involved	Type of Staff Involved (Teacher, Counselor, Support Staff, Admin, Other	Provider – Who will present the professional development	Is the provider an internal staff member or an outside contractor?	Brief Description of the Planned Activity
a. Social emotional learning and support for students that have suffered trauma during the COVID-19 pandemic;	42	Teacher	LIU 12	External Contractor	The district will be partnering with the Lincoln Intermmediate Unit 12 (LIU12) as a provider for Social and Emotional Learning Training.
					The district will engage in Trauma- Informed Team Training. This will either be through a PDE

Professional Development Activity	Number of Staff Involved	Type of Staff Involved (Teacher, Counselor, Support Staff, Admin, Other	Provider – Who will present the professional development	Is the provider an internal staff member or an outside contractor?	Brief Description of the Planned Activity
b. Identifying signs of possible mental health issues and providing culturally relevant support;	42	Teacher	Gittings Inc.	External Contractor	recommended provider (like Gittings Protective Security, Inc.) or through self- paced individual modules (https://safesup portivelearning. ed.gov/trauma- sensitive- schools- training- package).
c. Motivating students that have been disengaged;	42	Teacher	other agencies	External Contractor	Other professional development providers may be utilized as well.

9. How will the LEA assess the success of the SEL professional development? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Instruction and attendance factors will be used to evalaute the success of ESY	weekly	The district will monitor the students attendance and instruction to determine if the professional developmetn provided to the staff has improved student outcomes.

<u>Section 3c</u> - Reading Improvement for Students:

LEA allocations in Reading improvement should be used to increase the best practice in the implementation of research-based reading instruction and acceleration. As schools are planning the most effective use for this 8% set aside for reading instruction and acceleration, they should contemplate the use of structured literacy (also known as Science of Literacy) to develop reading instruction and remediation. Please reference the Structured Literacy framework to assist in developing this plan LINK NEEDED

LEAs are required to utilize **A MINIMUM of EIGHT PERCENT (8%)** of their ARP-ESSER allocation for research-based reading instruction. In this section, describe the course of action to remediate and improve reading gaps through research-based practices.

10. Calculate 8% of LEA Allocation as the **MINIMUM REQUIRED RESERVE** for Reading Improvement for Students. (Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)

	Total LEA Allocation	Multiply by 8% (.08)	Minimum Allocation for Reading Improvement
Minimum 8% Reading Improvement Requirement	164,429	8%	13,154

• This value will be needed in the corresponding budget section.

11. What local assessments were used to determine the need to address learning loss in the area of reading? For which specific groups of students was this need evidenced? What were the findings?

A portion of the ARP ESSER Set-Aside Funding will be use to purchase the Study Island Benchmark, System 44, Renaissance programs, iStation, and Edmentum. This benchmark will be used to assess the needs of individual students throughout the school year to determine if there is any learning loss. The scores of the reading assessment will be shared with the students to not only assist them in understanding their deficits in reading, but also areas for students to focus on accelerating their learning. Each of these reading programs will assist in accelerating student learning as well.

12. Does your data indicate that at-risk readers are making at least a year's worth of growth or more in one school year? *Please consider both state PVAAS data and local assessment data

Please explain:

Since the district is in the current Future Ready Comprehensive Planning Portal (FRCPP) submission timeline, we have been looking at this very data. Unfortunately, the data available is 2018-19 due to the federal waiver received with administering the PSSA's and Keystone's in the Spring of 2020. Even so, when reviewing this data, we have noticed that our at-risk population of readers (the Special Education and Economically Disadvantaged Population) is scoring at or close to the overall population and showing more growth in some areas than the general population.

13. Has the LEA used structured literacy and/or provided training for K-4, ESL, and Special Education teachers in structured literacy?

Yes

If so, please identify the training, grade level, and number of teachers involved.

Training	Grade Level / ESL / Special Education	Number of Teachers Trained
System 44 / Read 180 Training	6-12 / Special Education	3

14. Describe the evidence-based instructional intervention(s) that address the identified needs of students most disproportionately impacted.

Intervention	Student Group	Number of Students Receiving Intervention	Brief Description of Intervention
System 44	Children with Disabilities	10	The secondary Life Skills students are instructed using System 44 (similar to the evidence based program known as Read 180).

15. How will the LEA assess the success of the literacy program? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
System 44	weekly	Students will accelerate their learning through utilizing this online platform.

<u>Section 3d - Other Learning Loss Activities:</u> LEAs are permitted to utilize the remainder of their allocation to support and/or supplement additional efforts being implemented to combat learning loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please use this section to describe those efforts.

*This value can be **UP TO 52%** of the total allocation, if minimum values were used for other reserves.

16. Calculate 52% of the remaining LEA Allocation **AS A MAXIMUM** amount to fund Other Learning Loss Activities. (Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)

	Total LEA Allocation	Multiply by 52% (.52)	Maximum Allocation for Other Learning Loss Activities
52% Other Learning Loss Activities	164,429	52%	85,503

17. Describe the evidence-based instructional intervention(s) that address the identified needs of students most disproportionately impacted.

Intervention	Student Group	Number of Students Receiving Intervention	Brief Description of Intervention
Promeathan all-in-one smartboards	Children from Low- Income Families	400	The plan will be to equip each instructional space with the all-in-one promethean boards. This new technology will not only enhance the teachers instruction but will streamline instruction in the event virtual

Intervention	Student Group	Number of Students Receiving Intervention	Brief Description of Intervention
			learning would ever need to occur again.

18. How will the LEA assess the success of the learning loss activities? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Student Grades	quarterly	It is expected that not only the targeted group of students, but also the general student population will benefit immensely from this instructional methodology.

Section: Budget - Social and Emotional Learning Budget

Social and Emotional Learning Budget

Budget

\$164,429.00 **Allocation** \$164,429.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Enter your calculated value for the 30% Social and Emotional Learning set aside requirement. (Round Up to the whole dollar)

49,329

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1200 - SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	300 - PurchasedProfessional and\$15,000.00Technical Services		Instruction for our most vulnerable students to Extended School Year (ESY) in the summer for the next three years.
2700 - Student Transportation	500 - Other Purchased Services	\$28,000.00	Transportation for our most vulnerable students to Extended School Year (ESY) in the summer for the next three years.
1200 - SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	100 - Salaries \$5,058.00		Salary for the ESY Instructor for Life Skills Students for the next three summers.
1200 - SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY /	200 - Benefits	\$1,271.00	Benefits for the ESY Instructor for Life Skills Students for the next

Function	Object	Amount	Description
SECONDARY			three summers.
		\$49,329.00	

Section: Budget - Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development Budget

Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development Budget

Budget

\$164,429.00 **Allocation** \$164,429.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Enter your calculated value for the 10% Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development set aside requirement. (Round Up to the whole dollar)

16,443

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
2200 - Staff Support Services	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	\$10,000.00	The district will engage in Trauma- Informed Team Training. This will either be through a PDE recommended provider (like Gittings Protective Security, Inc.) or through self- paced individual modules (https://safesupportive learning.ed.gov/traum a-sensitive-schools- training-package).
2200 - Staff Support Services	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	\$6,443.00	The district will be partnering with the Lincoln Intermmediate Unit 12 (LIU12) as a provider for Social and Emotional Learning Training. Other

Function	Object	Amount	Description
			professional development providers may be utilized as well.
		\$16,443.00	

Section: Budget - Reading Improvement Budget

Reading Improvement Budget

Budget

\$164,429.00 Allocation \$164,429.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Enter your calculated value for the 8% Reading Improvement set aside requirement. (Round Up to the whole dollar)

13,154

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	600 - Supplies	\$13,154.00	The purchase of the Study Island Benchmark assessment program to monitor students progress in reading. Also student licenses for online learning programs related to reading comprehension such as Starr Reading, Accelerated Reader and Istation Reading.
		\$13,154.00	

Section: Budget - Other Learning Loss Expenditures

Learning Loss Budget

Calculate the remaining LEA Allocation amount to fund Other Learning Loss Activities. Please enter **<u>Budget Totals</u>** from the **SEL**, **SEL PD**, **and Reading Improvement budget sections** to determine what funds are remaining for Other Learning Loss Activities. Click Save to calculate the value, and then this budget section Total should be equal this amount. (Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)

	Total LEA Allocation	30% SEL Budgeted Value	10% SEL PD Budgeted Value	8% Reading Improvement Budgeted Value	Remaining Allocation for Other Learning Loss Activities
Other Learning Loss Activities Amount	164,429	49,329	16,443	13,154	85,503

Learning Loss Expenditures

Budget \$164,429.00 Allocation \$164,429.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Budget Overview

Function	Object	Amount	Description
2200 - Staff Support Services	600 - Supplies	\$85,503.00	Purchase of 40 all-in- one Promethean Boards for the classrooms districtwide.
		\$85,503.00	

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Section: Budget - Budget Summary BUDGET OVERVIEW

Budget \$164,429.00 Allocation \$164,429.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
1000 Instruction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,154.00	\$0.00	\$13,154.00
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	\$5,058.00	\$1,271.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,329.00
1300 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1400 Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1600 * ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1700 Higher								

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
Education Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1800 Pre-K	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2000 SUPPORT SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2100 SUPPORT SERVICES – STUDENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2200 Staff Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,443.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85,503.00	\$0.00	\$101,946.00
2300 SUPPORT SERVICES – ADMINISTRATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2400 Health Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2500 Business Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2600 Operation and Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2700 Student Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,000.00
2800 Central Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3000 OPERATION OF NON- INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3100 Food Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
3200 Student Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3300 Community Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$5,058.00	\$1,271.00	\$31,443.00	\$0.00	\$28,000.00	\$98,657.00	\$0.00	\$164,429.00
Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000					\$0.00			
Final						\$164,429.00		