

## Northern Tioga School District



The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act; Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund is to help schools return to or maintain in-person instruction, maximize in-person instructional time, sustain the safe operation of schools, and address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on Northern Tioga School District's students.

### Summary of ARP/ESSER Set Asides

The results of the community survey which was released to the Northern Tioga School District community (data collected through November 5<sup>th</sup>) are listed in order of priority below. There were 205 respondents.

Rank	Score	Category
1	3.54	Supports for social and emotional needs of students and staff
2	3.34	Supporting the unique needs for students with disabilities and/or at-risk learners
3	3.21	Providing digital access for all students
4	2.54	Improving indoor air quality
5	2.37	Accelerated instruction

The district submitted grant applications for the three set asides that were made available by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). The set asides are noted below along with the initial allocation amounts.

Summer School Program	\$58,155.00
After School Program	\$58,155.00
Learning Loss	\$290,773.00

*The Summer School Program Set Aside* has been allocated towards providing summer school for the next three summer sessions (2022, 2023, and 2024). The allocation provides funding for the school district to add additional summer school staffing, transportation from the high schools to the school district's central office, and course materials. This set aside allows the district to provide summer school at no cost to students and families. The goal of this program, as written in the grant application, is to make summer school more accessible to student who experienced barriers to successful completion of course work due to Covid-19 related circumstances.

*The After School Program Set Aside* has been allocated towards providing after school programming to students in our elementary schools. The allocation will be applied towards the salary of a program director. PDE encourages school districts to partner with community organizations through the set asides. In addressing this, the school district will partner with the Tioga County Partnership for Community Health for the development, implementation, and continuation of this after school program. The program director will work with the school district on the development of after school programming targeting academic growth, social-emotional learning, and family engagement programming. The goal is to implement the program with the start of the 2022/2023 school year.

*The Learning Loss Set Aside* is designed by PDE to target several different areas: social and emotional learning, professional development for social and emotional learning, reading remediation and improvement for students, and other learning loss. In addressing these areas, the school district has allocated funding for this set aside towards the purchase of an updated K-8 Reading/ELA program that will provide greater access to resources for teachers and students. A portion of the allocation will be applied towards contracting mental health outpatient services for students seeking treatment. The school district will contract with an outside firm to develop its own social and emotional learning program that will provide a model for continual professional development and support for students and staff that will be sustainable. The district has also planned for Learning Focused Schools trainings of teachers hired prior to and during the pandemic. These trainings are foundational trainings for NTSD teachers, and the pandemic has affected the district's ability to carry them out. The trainings are delivered by district teachers who are certified in Learning Focused Schools.

In addition to the Set Asides described above, Williamson High School was awarded an additional Set Aside in the amount of \$37,769. This Set Aside is allocated to support the school in its planning for A-TSI. The allocated amount will be used to support the school's use of the Exact Path diagnostic program, expenses for Williamson students who elect to enter in the Northern Tioga Academy, and the Delta Math program.

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