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ARP-ESSER III District 126 2021-2024 Funds Use Plan

This document serves as the District 126 Funds Use Plan for reopening schools in the 2021-2024 school years. Likewise, the purpose is to outline how funds from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief ARP-ESSER III will be used by the district. This plan focuses on three areas to ensure the safety of our students and staff as well as addresses learning loss that may have occurred during the COVID-19 global pandemic. The three areas of focus are Academic Supports, Health/Safety Resources, and Capital Improvements.

Academic Supports

The global pandemic interrupted our instructional model and forced schools to provide instruction in a variety of ways (e.g. remote, hybrid, asynchronous, etc.). As we return to full-time in-person instruction, we will support academic growth and bridge learning gaps resulting from interruption in instruction by allocating ARP-ESSER III funds to:

• Having staff at all buildings available for targeted instruction for literacy and mathematics before and after normal school hours.

Social/Emotional Supports

As we return to full-time in-person instruction ARP-ESSER III funds will be used to support social workers serving our students and families in need and ELL communities. District 126 social workers offer assistance to our District families in a variety of areas and may be of particular help in transitioning new families into our school community. Support can be in place on a short-term basis or a long-term basis and can be tailored to the needs of each individual family.

Health and Safety Resources

As we return to full in-person instruction we have put in place additional safety measures, like additional cleaning of classrooms and additional sanitizing wipes in classrooms available for student and staff use. We have also purchased and made disposable masks available for students and staff.

Capital Improvements

The ESSER III funds provide district with the opportunity to address structural issues within their schools. This includes capital improvements that make schools safer for students and staff. As we return to full in-person instruction ARP-ESSER III will support the construction of additional classrooms and a gymnasium at Prairie Junior High School so that students are further spaced out within the building.