

**Wyandanch Union Free School District
American Rescue Plan Funding**

An Unprecedented Opportunity

As part of the federal government’s American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, school districts across the country will receive additional funding to support student need in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Wyandanch Union Free School District will receive an allocation to invest in our students’ education over the next three years. This is a once in a generation infusion of funds that gives us the opportunity to truly reimagine education in our district. As part of the comprehensive plan, the Wyandanch UFSD will use of ARP funds to support the District's five priorities incorporating recommendations made by stakeholders.

The ARP ESSER funds will help to address long-standing inequities in our communities and schools that were exacerbated by the pandemic so that we can ensure the students most severely affected by the pandemic are provided with the resources and support they need as they recover from its impacts. Comments, questions and input can be submitted using the following form:

<https://forms.gle/dVpxWUFXxwKXsAEK8>

The Wyandanch UFSD plans to use such funds in the following ways:

2021-2022 Spending Plan for American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds
Maximizing in-person instructional time
One of our priorities is to improve graduation rate. In order to meet those needs, funds are being used to provide each building with part-time math and reading teachers. Research shows that math and English scores as early as 3 rd grade affects graduation rate and post-secondary success.
Operating schools and meeting needs of students
Schools need resources to help with the added operational costs to maintain and operate safe schools. Funds will be used to make upgrades at each building level to create safe and healthy schools including electrical upgrades to accommodate tighter MERV filters, new fire alarms at the LFH/MLK building, hand dryers in bathrooms, new roof at MLO, kitchen updates, and foundation repairs.
Providing mental health services and support
Specific professional development for school counselors on developing a framework that will serve as a foundation for schoolwide guidance plans will operationalize mental health supports for students, as well as create an organized system for staff

Offering evidence-based summer, afterschool and other extended learning and enrichment programs

Wyandanch is using funding to offer afterschool programming to identified students including enrichment and social-emotional opportunities (Opportunities for students based on the needs they present with during the school year.) The programs will address learning loss and provide enrichment to students. Our after-school program will meet more individual student needs and begin to bridge the loss of learning gaps.

Academic Program Initiatives

Wyandanch's goal is to work to create a vertical alignment with regards to academic instruction. With the implementation of new professional development and targeting instruction the focus has been to take a proactive approach to reading and math and strengthening out Tier I services and supports. The District has implemented new targeted supports for our ELL and Special Education students.

Purchasing Educational Technology

We will be purchasing software to assist teachers with addressing learning loss and The district has embarked on a one-to-one device initiative with the assistance of funding. Additionally, adaptive technology will be purchased to ensure we meet the needs of all learners.

Addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, including the impacts of interrupted instruction, and learning loss

Wyandanch has reworked our MTSS system and invested in professional development support for all learning to meet success. The focus will be to analyze student data to drive instructional practices to better service the needs of our students. Staff in all buildings will receive this support.