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# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT-ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF (ARP-ESSER) AGREEMENT

This agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("Commonwealth"), through its Pennsylvania Department of Education ("Department"), and Central Valley SD located at <a href="160 Baker Road">160 Baker Road</a> <a href="Extension, Monaca, PA 15061">Extension, Monaca, PA 15061</a>, ("Grantee").

The Department, created by Section 201 of the Administrative Code of 1929, as amended, 71 P.S. § 61, is the State Education Agency responsible for administration of grant programs pursuant to the General Appropriation Acts and the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, 24 P.S. § 1-101 et seq. and has been awarded funds by the US Department of Education for American Rescue Plan Act - Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief (ARP-ESSER) programs under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

The parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to this Agreement, Grantee will receive funds in the amount of \$2,367,887.00. The grant shall be used to defray program costs incurred from March 13, 2020 to September 30, 2024.
- 2. The Agreement shall become effective on the date it is fully executed by all required parties and shall terminate on September 30, 2024, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms hereof.
- 3. Grantee shall furnish all qualified personnel, facilities, materials and other services and in consultation with the Department, provide the services described in <u>Appendix B</u>.
- 4. This Agreement is comprised of the following Appendices which are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement:

Appendix A – Special Program Terms

Appendix B – Grantee's Program Narrative and Budget

Appendix C – Payment Terms, Responsibilities and Contact Information

Grantee acknowledges having reviewed a copy of the Department's Master Standard Terms and Conditions, which
are available at www.education.pa.gov/mstc and are incorporated by reference into and made a part of this
Agreement as if fully set forth herein.

The parties, intending to be legally bound, have signed this Agreement below:

#### FOR THE GRANTEE

Signature: Nicholas Perry - Electronic Signature	Date:1/7/2022
Title:Superintendent	<del></del>
Signature:	Date:
Title:	

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# FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

For the Secretary of Education: Susan McCrone - Electronic Signature Date: 2/9/2022

Title: Division Chief

#### APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Office of Chief Counsel:Patrick Lord - Electronic Sigr	nature Date:2/22/2022
Department of Education	
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Comptroller:Matthew Eng - Electronic Signature Date:3/14/2022

**Vendor Name: Central Valley SD** 

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Grant Title	Funding Source	Project Number	CFDA Number	Allocation Amount	Award Amount
American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund (ARP-ESSER)	Federal	223-21- 1075	84.425U	\$2,367,887.00	\$2,367,887.00
ARP ESSER Prior Approval - Other Capital Expenditures	Federal	223-21- 1075	84.425U	\$0.00	\$0.00
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ARP ESSER Prior Approval - Other Capital Expenditures	Federal	223-21- 1075	84.425U	\$0.00	\$0.00

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# Grantee agrees to comply with the following terms and conditions:

1. The development and execution of the program outlined in this Agreement and subsequent reimbursement for such program by the Department will be in accordance with this Agreement's provisions as finally approved by the Department and shall comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state and local laws, the official regulations pertaining thereto, program guidelines and instructions issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

- 2. Grantee will comply with all reporting requirements in relation to program and fiscal components of the ARP-ESSER program as defined by the Department and/or federal governing agencies.
- Grantee will maintain documentation of expenditures, procurement and activities carried out through this grant for a
  period of the current year plus six years in accordance with Department guidelines. Grantee will provide records to
  Department, monitors or federal awarding agency upon request.
- 4. Grantee will comply with all reporting requirements in relation to any waiver authorized under the ARP-ESSER and applied for and approved through the grantee agency. The Department will provide reporting requirements and due dates when available from the federal awarding agency.
- 5. Payment to Grantee under this Agreement is contingent upon appropriation and availability of funds to the Commonwealth.
- 6. Grantee will reserve at least 20% for learning loss mitigation, including through:
  - Afterschool, summer schools, extended day/year programs.
  - Targeted to ESEA subgroups, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care.

# **General Federal Requirements:**

- 1. Grantee shall use such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures necessary to ensure the proper disbursement of, and accounting for, federal funds paid to the applicant under each such program.
- 2. Grantee shall comply with the Uniform Grant Guidance Subpart D (Post Federal Award Requirements) Standards for Financial and Programs, 2 CFR §200.300-§200.345, as applicable.
- 3. Grantee shall comply with the Uniform Grants Guidance -- Subpart D (Post Federal Award Requirements) methods of procurement to be followed, 2 CFR §200.320.
- 4. Grantee shall ensure that all written policies and procedures required by the Uniform Grants Guidance for the administration of federal grant dollars are created, approved, implemented and are available for review by monitors.
- 5. Grantee shall comply with the Uniform Grants Guidance Subpart E (Cost Principles) 2 CFR §200.400-§200.417 and 2 CFR §200.420-§200.475, as applicable.
- 6. Grantee shall comply with the Uniform Grants Guidance Subpart F Audit Requirements, specifically sections 2 CFR §200.500-§200.512, as applicable.

# **Other Federal Requirements:**

- 1. When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal money, Grantee shall clearly state:
  - 1. the percentage of the total costs of the program or project that will be financed with federal money;
  - 2. the dollar amount of federal funds for the project or program; and
  - the percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by nongovernmental sources.
- 2. Grantee shall ensure that its personnel, whose salaries and/or benefits are federally funded are prohibited from text messaging while driving a government owned vehicle, or while driving their own privately owned vehicle during official business, or from using government supplied electronic equipment to text message or email when driving.

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3. Insofar as any construction projects are funded with this Agreement, Grantee shall comply with all applicable federal and state legal requirements with respect to such construction projects, including, without limitation, the preapproval requirements set forth in 2 CFR §200.439, the construction requirements set forth in 34 CFR §§ 75.600-75.617 (such as 34 CFR 75.609 (Safety and Health standards) and 75.616 (Energy Conservation)), and the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). The federal equal opportunity clause applicable to federally assisted construction contracts contained at 41 CFR § 60-1.4 is incorporated herein by reference.

4. Grantee acknowledges that this Agreement may be revised pursuant to ongoing guidance from the relevant federal or Commonwealth agency regarding requirements for the funds subject to this Agreement. Grantee agrees to abide by any such revisions upon written notification from Commonwealth of the revisions, which will automatically become a material part of this Agreement, without the necessity of either party executing any further instrument.

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# **Section: Narratives - Assessing Impacts and Needs**

#### LEA ARP ESSER APPLICATION

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) recognizes the extraordinary efforts made by Local Education Agencies (LEAs), schools, and educators to support students during the COVID-19 pandemic. The application below requests information from LEAs about: (1) Needs and impacts resulting from the pandemic, (2) Stakeholder engagement in the development of local plans to respond to these needs and impacts, (3) Specific elements in the LEA Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds; and (4) Plans for monitoring and measuring progress. As submitted and accepted by PDE in final form, this application shall become part of the Grant Agreement for ARP ESSER funds as Appendix B. As used in this application, "the LEA" refers to the Grantee defined in the Grant Agreement.

ARP ESSER includes a significant focus on vulnerable student populations. Given these requirements, as well as PDE's own equity commitments, the LEA application includes specific fields requesting information on programs to serve student groups that have experienced disproportionate impacts from the pandemic. Student groups are inclusive of the following:

- Students from low-income families;
- Students from each racial or ethnic group (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by race or ethnicity);
- Gender (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by gender);
- English learners;
- Children with disabilities (including infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act [IDEA]);
- Students experiencing homelessness;
- Children and youth in foster care;
- · Migrant students; and
- Other groups disproportionately impacted by the pandemic that have been identified by the LEA (e.g., youth involved in the criminal justice system, students who have missed the most in-person instruction during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, students who did not consistently participate in remote instruction when offered during school building closures, and LGBTQ+ students).

#### Section I: Assessing Impacts and Needs

In this first 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 <u>since March 2020</u>.

#### **Indicators of Impact**

1. 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,

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and local assessment results) were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts in four key areas: (1) Academic impact of lost instructional time, (2) Chronic absenteeism, (3) Student engagement, and (4) Social-emotional well-being?

	Methods Used to Understand Each Type of Impact
Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time	The Central Valley School District continued to assess students through the pandemic. Students were provided local assessments as well as standardized assessments to compare pre and post-pandemic learning loss. DIBELS, NWEA-MAPS, PSSA and Keystone results were used. Progress monitoring was also used as part of the measurement for our historically underperforming cohorts or students.
Chronic Absenteeism	Daily and period-by-period attendance were tracked using our student information system (SIS) for all students throughout the pandemic. Phone calls, zoom meetings, google meets, emails, home visits were conducted in order to account for our students. Truancy Intervention Program meetings (TIPS) in conjunction with the student, parent, school district and the local magistrate were held and continue to be held as a means to prevent truancy as opposed to punish for truancy.
Student Engagement	Staff and students were surveyed with specific questions geared toward their perceptions related to student engagement during the pandemic, specifically synchronous/asynchronous from home versus in-person learning. Professional development was provided for staff focusing on student engagement for in-person and online learning.
Social-emotional Well- being	Counselors in each of the District buildings were directed to reach out to our students throughout the pandemic. That information was documented by our counselors. Throughout the pandemic, we continued to track student behavior related to our SWPBIS program using SWIS-PBISApps. The Edgenuity online learning platform was and is used to address SEL issues for students exhibiting anxiety related to the pandemic and return to school. In addition, advisory lessons were presented to students focusing on social/emotional learning and coping skills. The district also provides school-based counseling through a local psychologist for students in need.
Other Indicators	County superintendents met weekly via zoom meetings to discuss the impact that the pandemic had on students across Beaver County. Students were provided meals throughout the week and on weekends during the pandemic. In addition, professional development was provided for staff members addressing their own SEL needs. No staff was cut or eliminated during the pandemic even though many were either not working or working periodically from home.

# **Documenting Disproportionate Impacts**

2. Identify **at least three student** groups in the LEA that faced particularly significant impacts from the pandemic. For each, provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts.

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Student Group	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts
Children with disabilities (including infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act [IDEA])	Special education staff and regular education staff held daily google meets with our special education students. IEPs were held throughout the pandemic to reflect delivery methods and needed supports due to the pandemic. Paraprofessionals worked to support special education students and staff throughout the pandemic. Customized courses were created through the Edgenuity platform to meet the accommodations and adaptations required through the student IEPs. Progess monitoring continued throughout the pandemic as well as the use of standardized assessments to monitor student progess.
Students from low-income families	Families were surveyed and identified through Robo calls to assist in the identification of families in need of internet access. Any low-income and/or special education students who needed internet access from home were provided mobile hotspots. In addition, the district placed internet access points strategically throughout the community for families to use. Meals were provided to any families experiencing hardship during the week and on weekends. Diagnostic tests and progress monitoring were used to identify areas of need and to measure impact of the pandemic on learning.
English learners	Students were still provided testing by ESL certified teachers to identify new students who qualified for eligibility. In addition, ESL teachers utilized google translate and other language apps to communicate with families. Progress monitoring was used to measure progess as well.

# Reflecting on Local Strategies

3. Provide the LEA's assessment of the top two or three strategies that have been most effective in supporting the needs of students, in particular specific student groups most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Include at least one strategy addressing **academic needs** and at least one strategy addressing **social-emotional needs**.

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	Strategy Description
Strategy #1	To best meet the academic needs of all students in the district, all students received a district purchased iPad as well as internet access through the Beaver County WAN. Internet access points were strategically placed throughout the community by the district. In addition, mobile hotspots were provided to low-income/special education families who presented a need. Using the iPads and internet access the district was able to engage all students through multiple learning platforms to include in-person instruction, synchronous live instruction and an asynchronous cyber option. PowerSchool was utilized as the district student information system (SIS) to track and monitor student attendance across the various learning platforms. The District also utilized a Robocall system, SchoolMessenger, in order to communicate with all families across all learning platforms that were used by the district to provide synchronous and asynchronous support.

- i. Impacts that Strategy #1 best addresses: (select all that apply)
- Academic impact of lost instructional time
- Chronic absenteeism
- Student engagement
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- Social-emotional well-being
- Other impact
  - ii. If Other is selected above, please provide the description here:
  - iii. Student group(s) that Strategy #1 most effectively supports: (select all that apply)
- Students from low-income families
- Students from each racial or ethnic group (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by race or ethnicity)
- Gender (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by gender)
- English learners
- M Children with disabilities (including infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA))
- Students experiencing homelessness

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- Children and youth in foster care
- Migrant students
- Other student groups: (provide description below)
  - iv. If Other is selected above, please provide the description here.

Reflecting on Local Strategies: Strategy #2

	Strategy Description
Strategy #2	Using primarily the OnHands Schools data management system, the district was able to monitor the academic and social-emotional needs of our students using various diagnostic assessment tools. Some of the diagnostic assessment tools included DIBELS, Study Island, Triumph Learning, NWEA Maps, Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDTs), PBIS Apps, and SPIRE. This data was used to provide necessary supports and supplement areas of need due to learning loss.

- i. **Impacts that Strategy #2 best addresses:** (select all that apply)
- Academic impact of lost instructional time
- Chronic absenteeism
- Student engagement
- Social-emotional well-being
- Other impact
  - ii. If Other is selected above, please provide the description here:
  - iii. Student group(s) that Strategy #2 most effectively supports: (select all that apply)
- Students from low-income families
- Students from each racial or ethnic group (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by race or ethnicity)
- Gender (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by gender)

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- English learners
- Children with disabilities (including infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA))
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Migrant students
- Other student groups: (provide description below)
  - iv. If Other is selected above, please provide the description here.

Reflecting on Local Strategies: Strategy #3

	Strategy Description
Strategy #3	To meet the social and emotional needs of students in the district, asynchronous learning through the Edgenuity online learning platform was made available to all students. This platform was able to address not only students dealing with anxiety as a result of the pandemic but also those with special health accommodations or needs. Students' social-emotional needs were also addressed through the use of virtual meetings with school counselors via the iPad.

- i. Impacts that Strategy #3 best addresses: (select all that apply)
- Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time
- Chronic absenteeism
- Student engagement
- Social-emotional well-being
- Other impact
  - ii. If Other is selected above, please provide the description here:
  - iii. Student group(s) that Strategy #3 most effectively supports: (select all that apply)
- Students from low-income families

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- Students from each racial or ethnic group (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by race or ethnicity)
- Gender (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by gender)
- **■** English learners
- Children with disabilities (including infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA))
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Migrant students
- Other student groups: (provide description below)
  - iv. If Other is selected above, please provide the description here:

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Section: Narratives - Engaging Stakeholders in Plan Development

Section II: Engaging Stakeholders in Plan Development

In this second section, LEAs are asked to provide information on how stakeholders will be engaged in planning for the use of ARP ESSER funds, how stakeholder input will be utilized, and how the LEA will make its LEA Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds transparent to the public—all critical components in developing, implementing, and adjusting plans based on the differential impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### 4. Stakeholder Engagement

Describe how the LEA, in planning for the use of ARP ESSER funds, has engaged or will engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders. (3,000 characters max)

(Stakeholders include students; families; school and district administrators (including special education administrators); teachers; principals; school leaders; other educators; school staff; and unions. In addition, to the extent that the following groups are present in or served by the LEA, stakeholders also include community partners, civil rights organizations (including disability rights organizations); stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, children experiencing homelessness, children and youth in foster care, migrant students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students; and tribes.)

All stakeholders across the school community were engaged throughout the planning process for the use of ARP ESSER Funds at various levels. Parents were surveyed to gauge interest related to learning platforms prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year. In addition, families were surveyed in March of 2020 and again at the start of the 2020-2021 school year related to technology needs in the home. Students were surveyed at the end of the 2020-2021 school year to measure their perceptions of the effectiveness of the three learning platforms provided during the school year in order for the district to prepare for the 2021-2022 school year. Meetings were held with struggling students and their families to solicit feedback and develop a plan moving forward. Teacher union representation was engaged in the development of the district Health and Safety Plan in March of 2020. In addition, all staff was surveyed to determine the effectiveness of our learning pathways at the end of the 2020-2021 school year in order to plan for 2021-2022. The district also consults without outside agency partners to discuss the best ways to meet the social-emotional needs of staff and students. Administrative meetings are held monthly to discuss the best use of funds throughout the district. The board of education met numerous times dating back to March 2020 and continues to meet presently to discuss ARP ESSER Planning. Public school board meetings were held and presentations were provided to the public on this topic as well as the solicitation of public feedback.

## 5. Use of Stakeholder Input

Describe how the LEA has taken or will take stakeholder and public input into account in the development of the LEA Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds. (3,000 characters max)

All information from the various stakeholders was collected, reviewed, and evaluated in terms of feasibility and sustainability by the district prior to developing the plan for the use of ARP

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ESSER funds. Information from survey results was disseminated through the website and through public board meetings.

#### 6. Public Access to LEA Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds

Describe the process for development, approval, and making public the LEA Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds. The LEA Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds must be made publicly available on the LEA website and submitted to PDE within 90 days of LEA receipt of ARP ESSER funding, must be written in a language that parents/caregivers can understand, and must be provided in alternate format upon request by a parent/caregiver who is an individual with a disability. (3,000 characters max)

All information from the various stakeholders was collected, reviewed, and evaluated in terms of feasibility and sustainability by the district prior to developing the plan for the use of ARP ESSER funds. Information from survey results was disseminated through the website and through public board meetings. The ARP ESSER plan will be posted on the website as well.

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# Section: Narratives - Using ARP ESSER Funds to Plan for Safe, In-Person Instruction Section III: Using ARP ESSER Funds to Plan for Safe, In-Person Instruction

In this third section, LEAs are asked to reflect on both the impacts and needs described in Section I and stakeholder engagement described in Section II to provide a description of the LEA plan for the use of ARP ESSER funds, beginning with the minimum 20 percent reservation, to address the impact of lost instructional time as required by section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act.

**Instructions:** For both (a) the 20 percent reservation to address the impact of lost instructional time and (b) remaining funds, describe the LEA's principles for emphasizing educational equity in expending ARP ESSER funds, including but not limited to:

- Responding to students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, and addressing opportunity gaps that existed before—and were exacerbated by—the pandemic.
- Allocating funding to individual schools and for LEA-wide activities based on student need.
- Implementing an equitable and inclusive return to in-person instruction. An inclusive return to inperson instruction includes, but is not limited to, establishing policies and practices that avoid the over-use of exclusionary discipline measures (including in- and out-of-school suspensions) and creating a positive and supportive learning environment for all students.
- Taking steps to permit students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries to overcome barriers (including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability, and age) that impede equal access to, or participation in, the ARP ESSER-supported program, in compliance with the requirements of section 427 of GEPA (20 U.S.C. 1228a).
- Attending to sustainability of plans supported by non-recurring ARP ESSER funds beyond the ARP ESSER funding period.

# 7. Plan for 20 percent Reservation to Address the Impact of Lost Instructional Time (Learning Loss)

How will the LEA use the funds it reserves under section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs? (3,000 characters max)

The response must include:

- a. A description of the evidence-based interventions (e.g., providing intensive or high-dosage tutoring, accelerating learning) the LEA has selected, and how the LEA will evaluate the impact of those interventions on an ongoing basis to determine effectiveness.
- b. How the evidence-based interventions will specifically address the needs of student groups most disproportionately impacted.
- c. The extent to which the LEA will use funds it reserves to identify, engage, and support (1) students who have missed the most in-person instruction during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years; and (2) students who did not consistently participate in remote instruction when offered during school building closures.

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Diagnostic testing has and will continue to be utilized to determine the academic loss and impact on student achievement to determine appropriate interventions for students who exhibit the most need. Onhands Schools will be utilized as a data management system to help with the facilitation of data meetings held by staff to review student achievement and design appropriate interventions for enrichment or remediation. Examples of diagnostic tools include but are not limited to NWEA-MAPS, DIBELS, CDT's, and Study Island. Edgenuity, Study Island and Triumph Learning will be used to provide extended learning opportunities for students.

### 8. Plan for Remaining Funds (funds not described under the question above)

How will the LEA spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds including for each of the four fields below, as applicable? (3,000 characters max)

- a. Continuity of Services: How will the LEA use ARP ESSER funds to sustain services to address students' academic needs; students' and staff social, emotional, and mental health needs; and student nutrition and food services?
- b. Access to Instruction: How will the LEA use ARP ESSER funds to support the goals of increasing opportunity to learn and equity in instructional delivery? Consider regular attendance/chronic absenteeism data from the 2020-21 school year, including data disaggregated by student groups, in developing the response.
- c. Mitigation Strategies: How will the LEA use ARP ESSER funds to support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities and transportation services to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff? Consider the LEA's Health and Safety Plan in developing the response.
- d. Facilities Improvements: How will the LEA use ARP ESSER funds to repair and improve school facilities to reduce risk of virus transmission, address environmental health hazards, and/or improve ventilation? Consider the LEA's Health and Safety Plan in developing the response.

a. Continuity of Services, b. Access to Instruction, and c. Mitigation Strategies: Every student has a district-owned iPad. In the event of an unforeseeable shutdown, the district will be prepared for a smooth transition to an online synchronous learning pathway for all students. The BeaverCounty FiberWAN and mobile hot spots allow us to provide internet to students who may not have had access previously. This will continue to allow the district to meet the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of our students by providing access to instruction, teachers, school counselors, telehealth counseling services, etc. It also continues to allow us to provide an alternative learning pathway through the use of the Edgenuity platform to provide instruction to students who may continue to feel anxiety as a result of the return to school or may be immunocompromised and need a safer learning environment for health reasons. The PowerSchool Student Information System will be used to track attendance and chronic absenteeism. This will allow us to determine any interventions and supports that may be needed for students who have chronic attendance issues. In terms of prevention and mitigation, the use of the ARP ESSER funds will allow us to continue to provide equitable instruction through our synchronous learning platform to students who may have to isolate/quarantine for extended periods of time. d. Facilities Improvements - NA

# 9. For LEAs with one or more Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) or Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) school only

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Please verify consultation of the Evidence Resource Center in developing the LEA Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds and provide a justification for any intervention that is not supported by tier 1, 2, 3, or 4 evidence. If the LEA does not include a school with a CSI or ATSI designation, indicate "Not Applicable." (3,000 characters max)

NA

#### 10. 20% Reservation Calculation

Please enter your ARP ESSER total allocation amount and then click Save.

\*Please ensure that your 20% (or greater) budgeted amount for Learning Loss is itemized in your Budget.

	ARP ESSER Allocation	Reservation Requirement	Reservation Amount (calculated on save)
20 Percent Reservation	2,367,887	20%	473,577

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# **Section: Narratives - Monitoring and Measuring Progress**

# **Section IV: Monitoring and Measuring Progress**

In this fourth section, LEAs are asked to describe efforts to build local capacity to ensure high-quality data collection and reporting to safeguard funds for their intended purposes.

# 11. Capacity for Data Collection and Reporting

LEAs must continuously monitor progress and adjust strategies as needed. Describe the LEA's capacity and strategy to collect and analyze data (disaggregated by student group, where applicable), for each of the following measures:

	Data Collection and Analysis Plan (including plan to disaggregate data)
Student learning, including academic impact of lost instructional time during the COVID-19 pandemic	Diagnostic testing has and will continue to be utilized to determine the academic loss and impact on student achievement to determine appropriate interventions for students who exhibit the most need. Onhands Schools will be utilized as a data management system to help with the facilitation of data meetings held by staff to review student achievement and design appropriate interventions for enrichment or remediation. Examples of diagnostic tools include but are not limited to NWEA-MAPS, DIBELS, CDT's, and Study Island. Edgenuity, Study Island and Triumph Learning will be used to provide extended learning opportunities for students.
Opportunity to learn measures (see help text)	The district will continue to monitor strategies implemented for student engagement through student achievement data and surveying stakeholders on their perceptions of effectiveness. Educators will continue to receive professional development on the purchased technology and technological needs. Lastly, stakeholders will continue to be surveyed to determine at-home technology needs.
Jobs created and retained (by number of FTEs and position type) (see help text)	NA
Participation in programs funded by ARP ESSER resources (e.g., summer and afterschool programs)	The district will monitor the attendance and the effectiveness of the extended learning opportunities provided by the district through achievement data and through surveying stakeholders participating in those programs.

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**Section: Narratives - ARP ESSER Assurances** 

#### **ARP ESSER Fund Assurances**

Please complete each of the following assurances prior to plan submission:

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The LEA will implement appropriate fiscal monitoring of and internal controls for the ARP ESSER funds (e.g., by updating the LEA's plan for monitoring funds and internal controls under the CARES and CRRSA Acts; addressing potential sources of waste, fraud, and abuse; conducting random audits; or other tools).

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The LEA will complete quarterly Federal Financial Accountability Transparency Act (FFATA) reports and comply with all PDE reporting requirements, including on matters such as:

- How the LEA is developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies and plans in line with the CDC guidance related to mitigating COVID-19 in schools;
- Overall plans and policies related to LEA support for return to in-person instruction and maximizing in-person instruction time, including how funds will support a return to and maximize in-person instruction time, and advance equity and inclusivity in participation in in-person instruction;
- Data on each LEA's and school's mode of instruction (fully in-person, hybrid, and fully remote) and conditions;
- LEA uses of funds to meet students' social, emotional, and academic needs, including through summer enrichment programming and other evidence-based interventions, and how they advance equity for underserved students;
- LEA uses of funds to sustain and support access to LEA-supported early childhood education programs;
- Impacts and outcomes (disaggregated by student subgroup) through use of ARP ESSER funding (e.g., quantitative and qualitative results of ARP ESSER funding, including on personnel, student learning, and budgeting at the school and district level);
- Student data (disaggregated by student subgroup) related to how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected instruction and learning;
- Requirements under the FFATA; and
- Additional reporting requirements as may be necessary to ensure accountability and transparency of ARP ESSER fund use.

### Ingle

The LEA will cooperate with any examination of records with respect to such funds by making records available for inspection, production, and examination, and authorized individuals

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available for interview and examination, upon the request of: (a) the United States Department of Education and/or its Inspector General; (b) any other federal agency, commission, or department in the lawful exercise of its jurisdiction and authority; (c) the Pennsylvania Department of Education; and/or (d) the Pennsylvania Auditor General, Pennsylvania Inspector General, or any other state agency.

#### Igg<sup>6</sup>

Records pertaining to ARP ESSER Funds, including financial records related to the use of grant funds, will be tracked and retained separately from those records related to the LEA's use of other Federal funds, including ESSER I and ESSER II Funds.

### $I_{i,j}t^{j}$

The LEA will maintain inventory records, purchase orders and receipts for equipment (over \$5,000) purchased, all computing devices, and special purpose equipment (\$300 - \$4,999), and will conduct a physical inventory every two years. Please note: inventory of equipment purchased with federal funds must be broken out by funding source.

#### $l_{ij}t^{j}$

Any LEA receiving funding under this program will have on file with the SEA a set of assurances that meets the requirements of section 442 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232e).

#### l<sub>k</sub>p<sup>d</sup>

The LEA will conduct its operations so that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under the ARP ESSER program or activity based on race; color; national origin, which includes a person's limited English proficiency or English learner status and a person's actual or perceived shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics; sex; age; or disability. These non-discrimination obligations arise under Federal civil rights laws, including but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. In addition, the LEA must comply with all regulations, guidelines, and standards issued by the United States Department of Education under any of these statutes.

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The LEA will comply with all ARP Act and other ARP ESSER requirements, including but not limited to complying with the maintenance of equity provisions in section 2004(c) of the ARP Act. Under Maintenance of Equity, per-pupil funding from state and local sources and staffing levels for *high poverty schools* may not be decreased by an amount that exceeds LEA-wide

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reductions in per-pupil funding and staffing levels for *all schools* served by the LEA<sup>1</sup>. High poverty schools are the 25 percent of schools serving the highest percent of economically disadvantaged students in the LEA as measured by information LEAs submitted in PIMS that includes individual student data and identifying if the student meets economically disadvantaged criteria. This data is used to calculate school poverty percentages. Note: An LEA is exempt from the Maintenance of Equity requirement if the LEA has a total enrollment of fewer than 1,000 students, operates a single school, serves all students in each grade span in a single school, or demonstrates an exceptional or uncontrollable circumstance, as determined by the United States Secretary of Education.

<sup>1</sup>Calculations for Maintenance of Equity: Per Pupil Funding from combined State and local funding = Total LEA funding from combined State and local funding for all schools served by the LEA in the given fiscal year, divided by the number of children enrolled in all schools served by the LEA in the given fiscal year. Full time equivalent staff = Total full-time equivalent staff in all schools served by the LEA in the given fiscal year, divided by the number of children enrolled in all schools served by the LEA in the given fiscal year. These calculations should be completed for all schools in the LEA as well as for high poverty schools in the LEA for FY 2021-22 and 2022-23. Reductions must not be greater for high poverty schools than for all schools in the LEA.

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The LEA will implement evidence-based interventions, as required by section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act.

#### hgl<sup>d</sup>

The LEA will address the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on underserved students (i.e., students from low-income families, students from underserved racial or ethnic groups and gender groups, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children and youth in foster care, migrant students, and other groups disproportionately impacted by the pandemic that have been identified by the LEA) as required by section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act.

#### $l_{ij}t^{j}$

The LEA will develop and make publicly available a Plan for the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services, hereinafter referred to as the LEA Health and Safety Plan, that complies with section 2001(i) of the ARP Act. The plan will be submitted to PDE, in a manner and form determined by PDE, no later than July 30, 2021.

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The LEA's Health and Safety Plan will include (1) how the LEA will, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff; (2) how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services; (3) how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC: (a) universal and correct wearing of masks; (b) modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding); (c) handwashing and respiratory etiquette; (d) cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation; (e) contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments; (f) diagnostic and screening testing; (g) efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities; (h) appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and (i) coordination with state and local health officials.

#### h<sub>e</sub>pt

The LEA will review its Health and Safety Plan at least every six months during the duration of the ARP ESSER grant period and make revisions as appropriate. When determining whether revisions are necessary, the LEA will take into consideration significant changes to CDC guidance on reopening schools and will seek public input and take public input into account.

#### lg/

The LEA's Health and Safety Plan will be made publicly available on the LEA website and must be written in a language that parents/caregivers can understand or be orally translated for parent/caregivers and must be provided in alternate format upon request by a parent/caregiver who is an individual with a disability.

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The LEA will provide to PDE: (1) the URL(s) where the public can readily find data on school operating status; and (2) the URL(s) for the LEA websites where the public can find the LEA's Health and Safety plan as required under section 2001(i) of the ARP Act; and the LEA Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds.

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# Section: Narratives - LEA Health and Safety Plan Upload

# **LEA HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN**

Please upload your LEA Health and Safety Plan below, and check the assurance indicating that you have completed your upload. Please name the file using your LEA name followed by Health and Safety Plan. example: "*LEA Name-Health and Safety Plan*"

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**CHECK HERE** - to assure that you have successfully uploaded your LEA Health and Safety Plan.

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Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures
BUDGET OVERVIEW

Budget

\$2,367,887.00

**Allocation** 

\$2,367,887.00

# **Budget Over(Under) Allocation**

\$0.00

# **INSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES**

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	600 - Supplies	\$1,592,002.00	iPad purchase for k-12 staff and students - Individual iPads are less than \$5,000; therefore, there is no need for a prior approval form.
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	\$120,000.00	Internet Service - BC FiberWAN - Prior Approval Form included in the application.
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	\$177,885.00	Learning Loss - Edgenuity Software will be used for credit recovery and summer learning opportunities
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	500 - Other Purchased Services	\$143,000.00	PowerSchool - Prior Approval Form included in the application.
			Learning Loss - Study Island will be used as an evidence-based intervention to analyze

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	500 - Other Purchased Services	\$100,000.00	gaps in student learning related to math and ELA through the use of diagnostic tests, provide instruction specific to individual student's areas of need, and monitor student progress towards goals.
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	500 - Other Purchased Services	\$90,000.00	Learning Loss - NWEA-MAPS will be used as an evidence- based intervention to analyze gaps in student learning related to math and ELA through the use of diagnostic tests and monitor student progress towards goals.
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	500 - Other Purchased Services	\$62,500.00	Learning Loss - OnHands Schools - Data management software used to analyze learning loss and to identify the appropriate evidence based interventions and monitor student progess toward goals.
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	500 - Other Purchased Services	\$17,500.00	Learning Loss - DIBELS will be used as an evidence-based intervention to analyze gaps in student learning related to math and ELA through the use of diagnostic tests and monitor student progress

Function	Object	Amount	Description
			towards goals.
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	500 - Other Purchased Services	\$30,000.00	Learning Loss - Triumph Learning PSSA will be used as an evidence-based intervention to analyze gaps in student learning related to math and ELA through the use of diagnostic tests, provide instruction specific to individual student's areas of need, and monitor student progress towards goals.
		\$2,332,887.00	

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# Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures BUDGET OVERVIEW

Budget

\$2,367,887.00

**Allocation** 

\$2,367,887.00

# **Budget Over(Under) Allocation**

\$0.00

# **NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EXPENDITURES**

Function	Object	Amount	Description
2000 - SUPPORT SERVICES	500 - Other Purchased Services	\$35,000.00	School Messanger - Prior Approval Form included in the application.
		\$35,000.00	

# Section: Budget - Budget Summary **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	\$297,885.00	\$0.00	\$443,000.00	\$1,592,002.00	\$0.00	\$2,332,887.00
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS - ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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 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	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

2300 SUPPORT SERVICES – ADMINISTRATION  2400 Health Support Services  2500 Business Support Services  2600 Operation and Maintenance  2700 Student Transportation  2800 Central Support Services  3000 OPERATION OF NON- INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00
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3100 Food Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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
\$0	.00	\$0.00	\$297,885.00	\$0.00	\$478,000.00 d Indirect Cost/		\$0.00	\$2,367,887.00 \$0.00

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						Final	\$2,367,887.00

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Section: Narratives - Capital Expenditures Detail

# **PA Department of Education**

Request for Prior Approval

Other Capital Expenditures/Improvements funded under ESSER

1. LEA Name:

Central Valley School District

2. AUN#:

127042003

#### 3. LEA Contact Information

	Name	Job Title	Email
Superintendent/CEO	Nicholas Perry	Superintendent	nperry@centralvalleysd.n et
Contact Name	Nicholas Perry	Superintendent	nperry@centralvalleysd.n et

The above LEA is requesting prior approval for the following project to be funded in full or in part from federal grant funds as permitted in ARP ESSER.

## Facilities & Grounds Upgrade Examples:

- Repairing and improving school facilities to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs
- Improving indoor air quality, including installation of mechanical ventilation and/or advanced filtration systems and/or upgrading HVAC systems
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- Repairing or replacing roofing in certain circumstances
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# Type of Project: Other Capital Expenditures/Improvements

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4. Describe the proposed project that is requested to be funded in full or in part from federal ESSER funds. (3000 characters)

PowerSchool - The PowerSchool Student Information System has been used and will continue to be use to track attendance and chronic absenteeism of students as result of Covid-19 pandemic. This will allow us to determine any interventions and supports that may be needed for students who have chronic attendance issues. The PowerSchool Student Information System also allowed us to keep in contact with our students regularly throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. It provided a means of communication of academic progress and attendance to both students and families throughout the pandemic.

5. Explain how the LEA has determined that the proposed project complies with the Cost Principles in 2 CFR Part 200, subpart E (e.g., the cost must be "necessary and reasonable" (2 CFR §§ 200.403-200.404)); (3000 characters)

PowerSchool was purchased through PEPPM.

Please note that the burden remains on grantees and subgrantees to maintain the appropriate documentation that supports the expenditure.

6. Projected Costs by Funding Source (please note: obligation dates are included. Each project has an additional 90 days for liquidation):

	ARP Act (ESSER III - 9/30/2024)	State/Local Funds
Total Cost	143,000	0

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Section: Narratives - Assurances

Assurances - By reviewing and agreeing to the assurance statements below, the LEA is verifying that the approved projects

7. This proposed project meets the overall purpose of the ARP Act program, which is "to prevent, prepare for, and respond to" COVID-19 as well as a specific allocable use of funds as outlined in the laws and/or guidance.

Yes

- 8. LEAs will comply with Davis-Bacon Act:
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    - o alteration
    - o repairs
    - o painting/decorating
  - Rule must pay workers no less than the locally prevailing wage and fringe benefits for corresponding work in the area (Department of Labor)

Yes

9. If an LEA uses funds for HVAC systems, the US Education Department's regulation at 34 CFR§75.616(c) requires the use of American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standards.

N/A

10. The LEA agrees it will comply with all other applicable federal laws and regulations.

Yes

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Section: Narratives - Capital Expenditures Detail

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# Type of Project: Other Capital Expenditures/Improvements

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School Messenger - The District utilized a Robocall system, SchoolMessenger, in order to communicate with all families across all learning platforms that were used by the district to provide synchronous and asynchronous support during the Covid-19 pandemic. School Messenger allowed the district to provide families with information concerning student attendance, educational models, free food service, internet access points, etc. during the Covid-19 pandemic.

5. Explain how the LEA has determined that the proposed project complies with the Cost Principles in 2 CFR Part 200, subpart E (e.g., the cost must be "necessary and reasonable" (2 CFR §§ 200.403-200.404)); (3000 characters)

School Messenger was purchased through PEPPM.

Please note that the burden remains on grantees and subgrantees to maintain the appropriate documentation that supports the expenditure.

6. Projected Costs by Funding Source (please note: obligation dates are included. Each project has an additional 90 days for liquidation):

	ARP Act (ESSER III - 9/30/2024)	State/Local Funds
Total Cost	35,000	0

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Section: Narratives - Assurances

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Yes

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Yes

9. If an LEA uses funds for HVAC systems, the US Education Department's regulation at 34 CFR§75.616(c) requires the use of American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standards.

N/A

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# Type of Project: Other Capital Expenditures/Improvements

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4. Describe the proposed project that is requested to be funded in full or in part from federal ESSER funds. (3000 characters)

Beaver County Fiber WAN - To best meet the academic needs of all students in the district during the Covid-19 pandemic, all students received a district purchased iPad as well as internet access through the Beaver County WAN. Internet access points were strategically placed throughout the community by the district so students could access materials and instruction during the Covid-19 pandemic. Using district-provided iPads and the Fiber WAN internet access, the district was able to engage all students through multiple learning platforms to include in-person instruction, synchronous live instruction, and an asynchronous cyber option. The use of the ARP ESSER funds will allow us to continue to provide equitable instruction through our synchronous learning platform to students who may have to isolate/quarantine for extended periods of time due to Covid-19 infection or exposure.

5. Explain how the LEA has determined that the proposed project complies with the Cost Principles in 2 CFR Part 200, subpart E (e.g., the cost must be "necessary and reasonable" (2 CFR §§ 200.403-200.404)); (3000 characters)

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit manages the Beaver County Fiber WAN and went through a formal advertised bid process. They received two bids. There was a public bid opening. The awarding of the bid was voted on by the individual boards of the school districts within the consortium. All aspects of the process were aligned to meet E-Rate procedures and regulations.

Please note that the burden remains on grantees and subgrantees to maintain the appropriate documentation that supports the expenditure.

6. Projected Costs by Funding Source (please note: obligation dates are included. Each project has an additional 90 days for liquidation):

	ARP Act (ESSER III - 9/30/2024)	State/Local Funds
Total Cost	120,000	0

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Section: Narratives - Assurances

Assurances - By reviewing and agreeing to the assurance statements below, the LEA is verifying that the approved projects

7. This proposed project meets the overall purpose of the ARP Act program, which is "to prevent, prepare for, and respond to" COVID-19 as well as a specific allocable use of funds as outlined in the laws and/or guidance.

Yes

- 8. LEAs will comply with Davis-Bacon Act:
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    - o repairs
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Yes

9. If an LEA uses funds for HVAC systems, the US Education Department's regulation at 34 CFR§75.616(c) requires the use of American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standards.

N/A

10. The LEA agrees it will comply with all other applicable federal laws and regulations.

Yes

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# Payment Terms, Responsibilities and Contact Information

1. **PROJECT OFFICER:** The person designated to act for the Commonwealth in managing this contract is:

Susan McCrone smccrone@pa.gov 717-783-2193

#### 2. TERMS OF PAYMENT:

- a. All grants are placed on a system of scheduled payments to provide operating funds during the period of the Agreement. Monthly payments are determined by dividing the approved amount by the number of months during the term of the Agreement. Payments will be initiated by the Comptroller's Office after arrival of each fully executed Agreement.
- b. Grantee shall implement a cash management system that will ensure that only the minimum amount of cash required to effectively operate the program is requested and/or kept on hand. Failure to implement and maintain such a system can result in the Grantee being suspended until an adequate cash management system has been implemented.
- c. During the life of this Agreement, unless otherwise provided in Program Guidelines, Grantee shall submit the following financial reports to the Comptroller's Office or the Department:
  - 1. Reconciliation of Cash on Hand Quarterly Report PDE Form No. 2030, and
  - 2. Final Expenditure Report.
- d. Grantee will conform to all policies and guidelines cited in the Department's individual program Policies and Procedures and/or instructions associated with the Reconciliation of Cash on Hand Quarterly Report, and Final Expenditure Report concerning the financial reports described in Paragraph 2(c), above.
- e. The Department reserves the right to disapprove any expenditures by the Grantee that are not in accordance with this Agreement.

#### 3. REPORTING:

Grantee shall submit any required program and or fiscal reports that are designated by the Department and/or federal awarding agencies for the purpose of determining program outcomes and compliance. Due dates and reporting requirements will be announced by the Department.

Any unexpended funds remaining at the end of the grant period must be returned to the Department of Education.

# 4. FUNDING LEVEL: THE TOTAL COST TO THE COMMONWEALTH UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT SET FORTH IN THE AGREEMENT.

Payment of that amount <u>is contingent upon the availability of Program funds and appropriations sufficient to pay the total costs.</u> Any funds provided to the Grantee under this Agreement may only be used in accordance with this Agreement.

a. **FUNDING INCREASE** – If the Commonwealth determines that additional Federal or State program funds are available for use under this Agreement, the Commonwealth <u>may at its sole discretion</u> increase the approved program cost. Such increases will be made in accordance with paragraph 5 ("Funding Adjustments").

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b. DECREASE – The Commonwealth reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to reduce the total cost of this Agreement when the Federal or State funds appropriated by the U.S. Congress and/or State Legislature are less than anticipated by the Commonwealth after Execution of this Agreement hereunder; or the funds appropriated are later unavailable due to a reduction or reservation in the appropriation. Such decreases will be made in accordance with paragraph 5 ("Funding Adjustments").

- c. UNEXPENDED FUNDS Grantee understands and agrees that funds which remain unexpended at the end of the term of the Agreement or upon termination of the Agreement shall be returned to the Commonwealth within sixty (60) days of the project's ending date or termination date along with the submission of the Final Completion Report and/or Final Expenditure Report, depending on the applicable program requirements.
- d. **WITHHOLDING OF FUNDING** Without limitation of any other remedies to which it is entitled hereunder or at law, the Commonwealth shall have the right to withhold the funding granted under this Agreement, in whole or in part, for any of the following reasons, without limitation:
  - 1. failure of Grantee to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations hereunder;
  - 2. violation of laws, regulations or polices applicable to the grant or to the implementation of the project funded under this Agreement; and
  - 3. misuse of funds, mismanagement, criminal activity or malfeasance in the implementation of this Agreement.

#### 5. FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS:

Funding Adjustments may be made for the following reasons and in the following manner:

## a. Funding Increase:

- 1. The Commonwealth shall notify the Grantee in writing of any funding increases under this Agreement.
- 2. Upon receipt of this notice the Grantee shall revise and submit to the Commonwealth a revised Program Summary Budget and if necessary, any revised pages of the Narrative which shall reflect the increase of funds.
- 3. Funding increases will take effect upon Commonwealth's receipt and approval of the revised documents, which shall be incorporated in and made part of this Agreement.

#### b. Funding Decrease:

- 1. The Commonwealth shall notify the Grantee in writing of any funding decreases.
- 2. Funding decreases will be effective upon receipt by the Grantee of the Commonwealth's funding decrease notice.
- 3. Funding decrease notices shall be incorporated in and made part of this Agreement.

# c. Transfer of Funds Among Cost Categories and/or Object Codes:

Any transfer of funds among cost functions and/or object codes must be made consistent with the applicable Program Guidelines.