Plans for Use of Federal/State Funds

ROCKVILLE CENTRE UFSD MARCH 23, 2023

Foundation Aid Plan

- ► Foundation Aid increase of \$3,295,888 or 36% for 23/24 over 2022/2023
- Required to post plan on District website by July 1 for 2023/2024 school year
- Plan to Describe how funds will be used to improve student performance
- The District is planning to continue to use the foundation aid funding for the core needs of our students which consist of staffing to address the following:
 - Providing instructional support services for all students to increase graduation rates and eliminate any achievement gaps
 - Maintaining our class size guidelines throughout the District at all grade levels
 - Providing academic support classes and extra help for students at risk of not meeting state learning standards
 - Continually monitoring student social emotional health and providing a support structure for those who may need assistance through our social workers and psychologists
 - Providing resources for our English language learners, students with disabilities and homeless students so they have the supports they need to progress and meet academic requirements

Foundation Aid

- ► Total Foundation Aid \$12,544,516 for 2023/2024 (increase of \$3,295,888 or 36% for 23/24)
 - ▶ Third and final increase
 - Plan of use required for increase over 10%
 - Would now be fully funded
 - Ongoing Aid source, part of base State Aid to support the budget
 - Must be used for addressing student performance and need
 - Governor Proposal has a provision that \$355,000 (for RVC) must be spent specifically on tutoring for grade 3-8 reading and math – NOT YET FINAL
 - Allocate for social-emotional support
 - Allocate for instructional supports to address all students at risk of not meeting state standards
 - ► Take public comment into account (continue after school programs and support for regents exams)

Federal Funding Provided

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES Act) \$430,121
 - ► ESSER 1 (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) \$367,787
 - ▶ GEER 1 (Governor's Emergency Education Relief) \$62,334
 - ► Can be allocated for expenses from 3/13/2020 to 9/30/2022
 - ► One time aid source, part of Federal Stimulus Funds
 - Can be used for COVID related expenses
 - ▶ WiFi hotspots/software
 - HVAC upgrades/repairs
 - ▶ Psychologist and TA's for support
 - ▶ Use of Funding Completed during 21/22

Federal Funding Provided

- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA)
 \$1,264,010
 - ESSER 2 (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) \$1,264,010
 - ► Can be allocated for expenses from 3/13/2020 to 9/30/2023
 - One time aid source, part of Federal Stimulus Funds
 - Can be used for almost any purpose, but expected to be COVID related
 - Social Worker, Guidance Counselor for identifying at risk students and providing mental health supports
 - ► Special Education, Academic Support and Classroom instruction to address student learning loss
 - ► HVAC upgrades and repairs
 - ▶ Use of Funding completed in 22/23

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Plan

- ► ARP Allocation of \$2,840,841
- Must post plan to District website
- Plan to describe how funds will be used
- ▶ The District's plan was to use the ARP funding to recover costs incurred due to the pandemic and to provide additional support for instructional and social emotional activities to address issues created by the pandemic. This funding was used in concert with the normal budgeting process to ensure that any new activities or supports implemented that will be recurring can be continued through the regular District budget process without creating a financial burden for taxpayers. The District utilized the ARP funding in the following ways:
 - Safely return students to in-person instruction by:
 - Reimbursing the District for custodial overtime to clean and sterilize all of our facilities as well as coordinate the classroom social distancing set ups and barrier installations required to open and continue to operate our schools
 - Reimbursing the District for security overtime to ensure visitors to school grounds maintained social distancing and followed the appropriate COVID prevention protocols
 - Reimbursing the District for maintenance of HVAC systems for fresh aid

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Plan

- Utilization of ARP Funding Continued
 - ▶ Providing additional and on-going staffing to maximize in person instructional time and to meet the needs of our students
 - ► Reimbursing the District and funding additional purchases of educational technology which will support remote learning
 - ▶ At least 20% of the funding will be used to address learning loss caused by the interrupted instruction due to the pandemic, including the impact on low income students, students with disabilities, English language learners and homeless students
 - ▶ Providing for on-going social and emotional support strategies to meet both the mental and academic needs of students
 - Providing extended learning opportunities after school and during the Summer

Federal Funding Provided

- American Rescue Plan (ARP) \$2,840,841
 - ESSER 3 (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) \$2,840,841
 - ► Can be allocated for expenses from 3/13/2020 to 9/30/2024
 - ► One time aid source, part of Federal Stimulus Funds
 - Can be used for almost any purpose, but expected to be COVID related
 - Psychologist, Social Worker, Guidance Counselor for identifying at risk students and providing mental health supports
 - Special Education, Academic Support and Classroom instruction to address student learning loss
 - Classroom and TA support to provide additional support opportunities after school and in Summer program
 - Custodial and security to clean and secure the buildings during the pandemic
 - ▶ Use of funding expected to be completed during 22/23

Summary of Funding Allocations

- Continue Classroom Instruction during quarantines
- Provision of Chromebooks and WiFi Hotspots to at risk students
- Support Integrated Co-Teaching for Elementary to address learning loss
- Social Worker, Psychologist and Guidance Counselor Support to assist in identifying at risk students and providing mental health supports
- Academic Support and TA staff to address learning loss
- Before/After school support programs like Homework Helpers, TLC and Wizards
- Support for Regents Review
- Custodial Support to clean buildings during pandemic
- Security Staff to secure building use during pandemic
- HVAC upgrades and repairs