



Cleveland Public Schools Intent for the use of America's Rescue Plan Funding

Our Mission

We seek to expand educational opportunities in ways that will elevate Cleveland. We act with high standards, urgency, and a long-term view to ensure that all students are college, career and life ready.

How will the funds be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are consistent with the most recent CDC guidance, in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

We have purchased yellow school buses, and will also be purchasing and maintaining bus routing software that will allow us to ensure we are maximizing the distribution of students on each route as best as possible and more easily communicate with parents. We are also upgrading our camera tracing system on our buses in order to more efficiently and effectively contact trace on bus routes.

We will also continue to increase our WIFI reach to the outdoor areas of our campus. This will allow the opportunity for teachers and students to maximize social distancing and outside air quality to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Part of this will also increase our capability to utilize more bandwidth as teaching methods change for streaming classrooms into multiple places at one time. An upgraded camera system will allow contact tracing and campus security to be better monitored.

Cleveland Schools is also committed to utilize funds to purchase janitorial and cleaning supplies to ensure the sanitation and cleanliness of all buildings on our campus. Plans include but are not limited to increased hand sanitation stations, daily commercial disinfectant spraying, increased supplies for floor and surface cleaning. We will also be upgrading the HVAC systems in our outdated building to ensure maximum air circulation and filtration to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

How will the funds be used to address the academic impact of lost instructional time?

- **After School Programs** - The funds will be used to expand our existing Tiger Club structure to assist students recovering learning loss and filling knowledge gaps. These students will be identified through our assessment tools and teacher observation. Their instructional time will consist of small group tutoring over targeted standards.
- **Summer Learning** - These funds will also be used to expand our summer learning programs. Students are identified by end of year state assessments, teacher observation, or our newly purchased digital formative assessments or benchmarks. Teachers and teacher aids will then work targeted intervention over a 6 week period in small groups or 1 to 1 tutoring to help fill gaps. Funds will specifically be used to ensure transportation, adequate teacher and assistance staffing, office and administrative oversight staffing, supply evidence based curriculum, and enrichment activities.
- **Other Evidence Based Interventions (Identification Tools)** - Cleveland Schools is also dedicated to ensure our staff is fully equipped with digital tools that can identify student learning gaps as frequently as the teacher needs AND supplied with digital intervention tools that can be utilized within moments by the teacher to the student as the gaps are identified. It is important to us that these tools are available to ALL of our students in any location or in any mode of learning.
- **Other Evidence Based Interventions (Staffing)** - We also believe the most impactful interventions can happen with peers during the school day. To make this possible we will need

to redistribute staffing duties and increase staffing to provide targeted pullout interventions utilizing research based strategies on a routine basis.

- **Other Evidence Based Interventions (Professional Development)** - As we utilize new digital resources to target and address learning loss we will need to ensure that teachers, teacher aids, and administrative staff are capable and effective in navigating platforms and analyzing data. We expect this will require professional development for these staff members using the platforms. Cleveland Schools will also commit to providing teachers and teacher aids with training to best utilize small group intervention groups during the school day, after school, and summer school programs. Our administrative staff will also undergo instructional coaching professional development to improve the effectiveness of our classroom teachers in these areas.
 - We are also putting a greater emphasis on the social emotional learning of our students. Creating curriculum, training teachers, cultivating spaces in buildings that help students in struggling environments are areas that we are focusing on to improve the mental health of our student body during this critical time in the lives of our students.

How will the funds be used to support the most at-risk student groups in the community?

Cleveland School is committed to the long term impact that equitable access to technology can have on all student groups. Which is why we will be using these funds to purchase Chromebooks for ALL students 3rd-12th grade and available for checkout in lower grades. This is a yearly expense as we consistently have devices expire from our security network due to the age of the device. We also commit to providing the students without reliable internet access with hotspots. These devices and connectivity are integral to ensuring students have access to their education on any day at any time. We also intend to keep our campus available for students who are deemed at risk no matter their learning platform or the level of COVID-19 in our community, within reason. Our summer school and after school programs are given priority to students who are most in need of its resources. We also realize that digital resources are not the best avenue for many of our learners. Thus, we are preparing with supplies of copy paper to ensure that any material or resource that is needed in a different or larger font or on simple paper is able to be provided.

How will the remaining funds be used to ensure resources of Cleveland Public School's campus remain available for ALL students no matter the circumstances?

Cleveland Public Schools is preparing for students learning in any location which is why personal computers for teachers are needed to support the updated distance learning classroom setups. This will allow a student to be engaged in real time with their peers. Real time discussion, lectures, and assessments can take place. We will also be utilizing funds to ensure that our campus is available for at-risk students and all staff members during any stage of the pandemic through using funds to ensure utilities are in place. Instantaneous communication and keeping lines available to the public is paramount. Funds will be used to ensure phone lines, and instant messaging is up to date and available 24/7. With an increase in all of these resources, requires an increase in server and security upgrades to our campus cyber network, funds will also be utilized to keep our students, staff, and district resources safe online.