

To: Cato-Meridian Central School District Community
From: Elizabeth Kupiec
Re: Proposed Amendment to Federal Stimulus Plan : ESSER 3 Amendment 1
Date: 4/15/2023

As discussed at BOE meetings and as reflected in the survey sent to the community, it is necessary to update our federal stimulus plan to reflect the district's shift from allocating monies to the HVAC project to the Elementary Playground Project.

In addition to that shift, the following adjustments are recommended:

Reallocate the Professional Salaries associated with the grant to focus on improving Teacher Instructional Practices within the classroom setting. This results in more funds supporting the salaries of our Curriculum Coordinator and Literacy Coach. These individuals provide embedded professional development for our teachers and are working to support our teachers in meeting the needs of their students. In addition, funds were allocated to support class size reduction at the third grade level. Reductions were made in the funds allocated to Special Education Teacher support with a shift to Resistance to Intervention services for students with and without disabilities. This was made due to the need to maintain full expenditures within the general fund for students with disabilities.

In addition, the ESSER 3 grant will be utilized to pay for the participation of Teachers in the Professional Learning Communities Conference in Syracuse (7/23). This conference will support teachers in developing practices to better support the needs of students experiencing gaps in skills due to instructional time lost during COVID-19.

An increase in allocations to benefit costs are also included to support the salaries of staff within the grant.

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