

Requests Made for Reduction in General Fund Line items in the 2023 Budget
Duplicative to or Parallel Activity Paid With or Originated from ESSER Grant Funding

10002140 110 COUNSELOR, MENTAL HEALTH

*Please remove this position from the general fund. It is unjust to expect taxation to support yet such a duplicative, unnecessary, non educational expense. The role of this proposed position is duplicative to the numerous counseling and social emotional positions added to the budget with the ESSER grant. This is an unnamed staff position ADDED by the school board during the HMS and AHS presentation of 2023 budget on **11/16/21**. A discussion during this meeting shows this second mental health professional was requested as a result of perceived additional needs due to COVID. The additional position is listed on a formal list of budget changes as being added to 10001100112, which is where the district already has a mental health coordinator. However, it ended up on this line item in the updated budget, which is a special education line item. The ESSER III grant application already provides for adding **THREE additional certified school counselors** whose role will be to “provide support for students and families transitioning back to fully, in person learning, and support social emotional learning.” The ESSER III grant application also provides for adding an additional **THREE** certified Social Emotional Interventionalists, whose roles will be to “support learning from Pre-K to first grade.”*

10002840650 PANADOC ESIGNING SOFTWARE

10812520319 PANADOC

*The ESSER II grant application provides for PANADOC Software “to provide for **contactless** signing of documents, contracts and IEPs for staff, parents, the school board and other entities throughout the district. This software clearly originated as a result of COVID precautions and was originally paid with ESSER grant funding. If the need for such provision and precautions remains, the continued cost should come from the lavish ESSER III funds available.*

10002211645 RENAISSANCE LEARNING INTEGRATION FEE

It appears from ESSER grant language that iReady had replaced RENNAISSANCE STAR diagnostic tool. There was ZERO expended in 2021.

to the student level. In the 2020-21 school year, our local diagnostic tool was Renaissance STAR. We will be using iReady in the 2021-2022 school year. Teachers will be able to easily access and use the data through reports generated in Performance Matters and iReady to plan their instruction and address student learning gaps.

10112225748 Laptop Cart

10122225748 Laptop Cart

10142225748 Computer Carts

*The elementary schools have requested several laptop/computer carts in their general fund budget. Additionally, the ESSER III grants application provides that **FOUR** laptop carts will be purchased and used with the iREADY program. When school district was asked about the*

appearance of duplication, the response was that the carts in the operating budget were not the same in the ESSER grant. The response was that the laptop carts in the general budget were to add or update devices to elementary schools to allow students to have equal access among all of the Pre-K to five grade levels. It is unclear whether the request in the general fund is accurate, just or needed at this time.

10112620430 4. AIR QUALITY TESTING

10122620430 4. REPLACE (11) ROOF EXHAUST FANS

10142620430 7. REPLACE SPECIAL ED A/C

10142620430 8. REPLACE MAIN OFFICE A/C

10152620430 6. REPLACE IT LAB A/C RTU

10152620430 8. REPLCE MUSIC ROOM A/C RTU

These are all items that would be covered by ESSER, however, according to grant applications, SAU81 chose to "focus on instruction and not facilities" and does not intend "to utilize ARPA ESSER FUNDS" for such purpose. WHY? It was inferred in school board meetings that to use these funds would be more difficult than forcing the taxpayers to pay for them with virtually no checks and balances or resistance. Resist now before it is too late. Remove these items from the operating budget and require them to come back with a more equitable plan for operating budget or request through ESSER. \$4M ESSER is going to be spent on lavish and outlandish SEL/educational costs while the taxpayers are being asked to foot this lavish facility area. ACs would only be used for a very short time during the regular school year. They would be needed more in the summer months, during which ESSER's summer scholars will take place.

10002225 650 SOFTWARE/SCREENCASTIFY DISTRICT WIDE LICENSE

10002840 650 SOFTWARE

11. POWERSCHOOL PERFORMANCE MATTERS - SCHOOL ANALYTICS & DATA DISAGRATION

13. ONLINE CLASSROOM / LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

15. 20 PACK ZOOM LICENSES

These costs all originated as a result of COVID both in and with ESSER funding/hold district to keeping them there.