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American Rescue Plan (ARP) Spending Plan Reporting**1. Have you made changes to your approved ARP - ESSER application?**

- YES, the LEA has made changes to your approved ARP ESSER application.
- NO, the LEA has not made changes to your approved ARP ESSER application.

1a. Please provide a summary of those changes and the need informing those changes.

Although there was not a change in need, we were able to cover anticipated FY22 expenses with ESSER 2 funds. As a result, the primary change to the budget was that the unspent funds from FY22 were reallocated to subsequent years within the grant period. Additionally, we are adding costs for Saturday Academy, which provides additional intervention and targeted instructional time to mitigate learning loss.

2. Please provide an analysis of public comment for the updated American Rescue Plan (ARP) - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding.

In June of 2021, The Bronx Excellence Education Corporation released a survey to elicit community input on our ESSER funding priorities and safe reopening plan for the fall. We received 1,046 responses from parents, staff, administrators, and community members. Collected responses were analyzed and reviewed for priority trends. Based on our survey results and discussions with stakeholders, we determined our proposed funding priorities. In consultation with a licensed healthcare provider, Bronx Excellence created a Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan and published it on the school's website. Over the summer, school leaders conducted their annual Family Chats and held virtual Town Hall meetings with our families.

Throughout the school year, our schools received ongoing input from our students, families, and community members through focus groups, email, phone calls, parent association, and virtual meetings. We also have a reserved seat on the board to represent our parents' voices. At the end of the month, Bronx Excellence will distribute another survey to solicit community input on our funding priorities and plans for the 2022-2023 school year. Additionally, the surveys will also provide community members with an opportunity to provide feedback on the previous year's plans.

Throughout the summer, Principals will hold virtual town halls, family chats, and information sessions to discuss expectations and priorities so that all stakeholders have insight into the school's plans, and have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. Throughout the school year, we will continue to elicit feedback from our families, staff, and the board (including our parent representative). We will also engage with our Parent Association to provide opportunities for feedback and contemplate public input from future surveys to inform forward planning. All of the input provided will inform reopening plans for the 2022-2023 school year.

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