

**Letchworth Central School District**  
**5550 School Rd, Gainesville, New York 14066**

**Plan for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds 2021-2024**

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds are to be distributed over several categories of educational need by school districts receiving allocations. Funding received by schools must be spent between 2021 and September 30, 2024.

Letchworth Central School District has identified several priorities that include, but are not limited to: supporting our students social and emotional wellbeing, maintaining current and developing additional academic programs, offering afterschool and summer programs for students seeking both remediation and enrichment opportunities, and addressing learning loss as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and school closures. The District's goal has always been to focus on the needs of our students first and foremost, and to provide them a safe, clean and appropriate learning space that will promote success at every level. Our faculty and staff are second-to-none and the District hopes to continue providing opportunities for professional learning and growth so they, in turn, can continue to provide our students with high quality academic instruction as well as social-emotional learning from a place of compassion and empathy.

Below are the tentative plans for ARPA spending between 2021 and September 2024 as aligned with the federal priorities outlined in the guidance:

***Operating Schools and Meeting the Needs of Students = \$180,652***

The District intends to maintain necessary protocols for cleaning and sanitizing in the post-COVID period by keeping an additional ***first shift cleaner*** in place. This person has and will continue to clean doorknobs and handrails, provide additional sanitation after breakfast and lunch periods, and address supply needs around the school throughout the day while students are in session. Further, the District will be leasing a new ***self-propelled floor cleaner*** to support daily cleaning procedures without requiring a staff member to walk away from other duties. Other maintenance items needed to maintain ***air quality, provide PPE, and general cleanliness*** will be included in our spending plan.

Since the onset of the pandemic and the high-traffic needs of the Health Office, the District has employed an ***aide to support the nurses*** in making phone calls, keeping detailed records, and reporting data. That position will also be maintained for at least another school year to promote efficiency for that department.

Upon reopening in the 2020-2021 school year, COVID protocols and restrictions required significant changes to the daily instructional schedule and work day for our faculty and staff. The District has developed, and will continue to offer ***after school childcare*** for district employees. This program provides a safe and engaging environment for Letchworth students run by district support staff who earn a stipend for their time.

An additional operations item that the District would like to replace is the ***sports console table*** used for our fall and winter sporting events. The current table has outlasted its expected usable life, and a replacement will improve sound and efficiency in the High School gymnasium/fieldhouse complex.

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***Purchasing Educational Technology = \$600,000***

Our district will be utilizing federal funds for the next four years to manage our educational technology needs and replacement costs. ***New Chromebooks, chargers and safety cases*** will be purchased within the same rolling timeline previously used for grade levels. Further, our first generation ***COWs*** (or “computers on wheels”) are reaching the end of their operational lives and will be replaced with updated versions that can process new software and services.

In December 2020, our school community approved a \$20 million capital project that includes several additions to our Agriculture and Technology instructional areas. These spaces, called STEAM rooms, will be supplied with ***high-end computers and printers as well as other educational technology*** to support modern curriculum options and programming once our renovations are completed.

***Addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, including the impacts of interrupted instruction and learning loss and the impacts on low-income students, children with disabilities, English language learners, and students experiencing homelessness = \$1,525,000***

The pandemic has impacted our students, faculty and staff in a myriad of ways since its onset in March 2020. The disruption of our educational program that year put many students at an early disadvantage in the new year both academically and socially/emotionally. Letchworth has been a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) school for more than a decade, and our dedication to providing those supports has only strengthened since the school closure. At all building levels - elementary, middle and high - the District is dedicated to providing ***new training to teachers and students*** to further bolster our students’ success in school. Materials and professional signage will be included in those expenses to create an environment fully immersed in the values of empathy, restorative justice, and academic excellence.

Instructional best practices for providing academic intervention to students requires a tiered approach. A multi-tiered system of support (***MTSS***) ***team*** will be established to examine interventions and materials, collect and analyze data, and bridge student learning gaps created during the school closure period and disruptions to the 2020-2021 school year. A ***coordinator*** will work with service providers, teachers, staff and parents to develop instructional goals and implement strategies to support every student.

To further develop and support our teachers, many of whom are new to the profession in the last ten years, the District will be developing at least ***two instructional coach positions***. These educators will work to provide on-site coaching, mentoring, and modeling to teachers looking to build their skills and toolkits in specific areas of teaching. These areas may include classroom management, instruction in ELA or mathematics, writing instruction, classroom culture, data collection, or assessment development.

***Ongoing professional development*** for all members of our instructional and non-instructional staff and administration will be prioritized annually. In keeping with best practice for adult learners, models of learning

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will be implemented on a number of topics that will include using instructional technology, providing mental health and social-emotional supports in the classroom, adapting instruction to a block schedule, and other content-specific needs of our faculty and staff.

***Implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic Needs = \$400,000***

One of our district-wide philosophies has always been that, before a student can learn they must feel safe. Students need a connection to school, to people in the school community who can provide that sense of belonging that will spur academic success. Letchworth will utilize funds to maintain ***full-time school counselors in the elementary and middle schools*** for the next three years before moving those positions back to the local budget. These counselors will continue providing Second Step lessons and contributing to students' daily lives at school by introducing them to college and career readiness activities. Additionally, the District will look to hire another ***school psychologist to support our littlest learners*** in our 3- and 4-year old programs. School readiness for early childhood is always a concern, and this professional would be an asset to both our students and the faculty who work in our preschool and prekindergarten classrooms.

To further students' academic goals and to provide interventions that will allow them to grow, the District will include ***an additional AIS teacher and teaching assistant, and maintain all current positions in the English Language Arts department*** for at least three years.

***Offering evidence-based summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs = \$535,642***

Letchworth prides itself on the phenomenal Agriculture and Technology curricular programs we have offered students for several years. Additional funding will support our goals to further enhance the program, building on the Ag/Tech Academy and offering the potential for CTE-accredited coursework here on campus. Money will be set aside for ***instructional training opportunities with Project Lead the Way, the CASE Institute, iCEV curriculum development, and other professional development opportunities*** for all of our teachers to continue making updates to our offerings for several years. Further, we will prepare to hire for our STEAM initiatives as the capital project takes shape, the rooms are furnished with needed supplies and materials, and the curriculum is fully developed.

***Summer remedial and enrichment programming*** will take shape in the summer of 2021. The first of what we hope will be many summer theatre camps will be planned to produce The Lion King Jr. for students in the elementary and middle school to perform for the community next fall. Additional programming will bloom from student and parent input and involvement over the next four summers. The District hopes to also find opportunities to offer after school supports and enrichment programs suited to all students and interests.

Over the life of the grant, the District will utilize its shared decision-making committee to annually review the needs and priorities of our students, staff and infrastructure in order to amend spending projections and

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purchasing plans. The stakeholders involved will analyze students' academic and behavioral data, reports from principals and school counselors, the CSE and new initiatives directed by the NYS Department of Education to make appropriate revisions to this plan. Other categories of potential spending (maximizing in-person instruction time and support for early childhood education) will also be considered in annual reviews. All funding proposals will exist for the life of the grant, as specified, or be paid for in the local budget upon the grant's expiration.

\*Grant allocations may change pending issuance of the American Rescue Plan application by the New York State Education Department.\*