

USE OF FUNDS PLAN

The Board of Education held a hearing for the public on July 13, 2021 to hear input from both the board and the community in developing our plan. We also met with our District COVID Team composed of multiple stakeholders including: Community leaders, PTO representatives, teacher representative, administration, school board members, and support staff representatives: on Tuesday, August 3rd to adjust procedures and protocol using the most recent guidance available to us at that time. Once these items were completed, we finalized the plan and administration notified the community and the staff of the newly updated plan. We also included a copy of that plan on our website at grgs95.org. The COVID team will meet again at no less than 6 month intervals to discuss the progress of the plan and make adjustments based on feedback from this multi-faceted leadership team.

In terms of Use of Funds, Grand Ridge CCSD #95 plans to do the following:

- (LEA Loss of learning) Salary for additional teacher aides and substitute teacher to provide instruction during the school year to improve student success and prevent learning loss totaling: \$47,140
- (LEA Loss of learning) \$17,886 Pay salaries for licensed teachers and substitutes to do after school programs and summer school study sessions for at risk students and for an early start program prior to beginning the school year. Each teacher will be paid at \$50 per/hr.
- Summer learning opportunities
- Purchase Smart Board technology for use in instruction \$30,849
- (Use of Funds Digital Divide) Replace outdated laptop devices and add devices to continue 1:1 initiative and provide for learning opportunities if forced into another COVID shut down. 112 laptops at approximately \$535 each totaling: \$60,000
- (Use of Funds Air Quality) Contracted services to purchase and install climate control systems with air purification technology to improve air filtration for better air quality and climate control in the remaining portions of the building that do not have cooling including: gym, multipurpose room, and remainder of classrooms not covered under ESSER II. Installation of these systems will prevent, prepare for, and respond to the risk of COVID-19 by filtering air, conditioning the rooms so students and staff do not remove masks when hot, and cycling fresh air into the classroom and work spaces. The district procurement process requires solicitation of bids. Total: \$200,000

These items are subject to change based on the needs of students and will be discussed with stakeholders as we move forward in implementing the ESSER III grant. Our goal is to help our students catch up and make gains to overcome learning loss brought on by the pandemic. With the addition of climate control, we will have well-ventilated classrooms where students can learn in a comfortable environment.