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**ARP -- ESSER III Funds – Learning Loss
Use of Funds Plan for
Project ECHO Alternative School &
STARQuest Academy Regional Safe School Program
2022-2023
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The American Rescue Plan, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant (ARP ESSER III), authorized under the American Rescue Plan provide funding to support schools in safe reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting the academic, social emotional and mental health needs of students resulting from the COVID 19 pandemic.

Use of ESSER funds by the Regional Office of Education #21 for the Project ECHO Alternative School and STARQuest Academy Regional Safe School Programs will be in accordance with allowable uses and will be in alignment with the statutory purpose of the program.

The funds will be used to provide high quality supplemental instruction, materials, and software programs to remediate learning loss and increase student achievement and/or aid in credit recovery through regular school instruction, virtual instruction, after-school programs and/or summer school opportunities. Equip staff with tools to identify and address social emotional learning and other health issues related to trauma, depression, truancy, risky behaviors, etc. All students enrolled in the ROE 21 Alternative and RSSP Programs will be offered the opportunity to participate in virtual after-school tutoring and/or credit recovery and/or summer school credit recovery. The action items listed will be used to identify, re-engage, and support students most likely to have experienced the impact of lost instructional time on student learning.

- Salary of RtI Specialist to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. (100% Salary)
- Instructional software to provide summer enrichment and afterschool programs to address the academic impact of lost instructional time.
- Teacher Stipends to provide Summer Enrichment and Afterschool programs to address student learning loss.

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- Software utilizing a local district benchmark assessment for all students in 6-12 attending the Alternative School and Regional Safe Schools. This assessment will be used for benchmark data that can be used to Identify and target academic areas of weakness.

The plan was developed by engaging in meaningful consultation with ROE stakeholders. ESSER III funds will help ROE #21 to identify, re-engage, and support students most likely to have experienced the impact of lost instructional time on student learning.