

Watonga Public Schools
ARP Use of Funds
7-29-2021

\$1,860,181.66
20% Set Aside \$372,036.34

Watonga Public Schools will reserve 20% of funds to address the impact of loss instructional time due to the Covid-10 Pandemic. Digital textbooks and curriculum will be purchased in the event that the schools close and on-line learning takes effect. Technology will be purchased to keep up with the demands of offering Virtual Learning at home. This includes hot spots for students with no internet connectivity, back up batteries, software back up, chromebooks and accessories, and other items needed to provide efficient learning at home. Watonga Schools will offer Summer School for students that are at risk academically and have educational gaps in their academics due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. These funds for a summer school program at all school sites will be utilized to improve students' educational outcomes, school attendance, social emotional skills and test scores. Funds will also be used to implement a Specialized Watonga Alternative Placement Program (SWAP) to offer academic, social and emotional activities for students impacted educationally, socially and emotionally due to Covid-19. The committee understands the impact the Covid Pandemic had on the staff and students at Watonga. The decision was made by the committee to implement Professional Learning Communities (PLC) throughout the Watonga District. Using this approach to school improvement where teachers work collaboratively at the school level to improve student outcomes will benefit all students by addressing learning loss, social/emotional needs and the culture of the school. In addition to working collaboratively in PLC groups, teachers will implement RTI (Response to Intervention). Research shows when students struggle in school, RTI is the right way to intervene. Professional Development will be provided to the staff to educate them about the practices, policies, procedures to correctly implement this program

Additional funds will be used to purchase Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning Systems (HVAC) for school sites. These are to help maintain good indoor air quality through adequate ventilation and filtration. Improving ventilation is an important Covid-19 prevention strategy that can reduce the number of virus particles in the air.

In response to the Covid-19 Pandemic, funds will assist with insurance costs and utility bills. Liability and property insurance through OSIG will be paid with these funds. Electricity, water and gas utilities will also be paid using 795 funds.

A route bus to assist with social distancing, to prevent the spread of Covid, will be purchased.

