



November 5, 2021

Good Afternoon Students, Families, Educators, and School Community Members,

In March 2021, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its potential impact on student learning, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) act was signed into law, thereby dedicating funds for K-12 schools through Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) III funds.

The purpose of these ESSER III funds is to help sustain the safe and effective operations of our school and to address the impact of the COVID19 pandemic on student learning. These funds are designated for one-time or short-term expenditures. Additionally, no less than 20% of the funds received must be used to address the impact of lost instructional time (learning loss).

The American Rescue Plan provides the allowable activities for which a district can use its one-time funds. These include:

- Prevention and Mitigation Strategies in Response to COVID-19 (Cleaning and sanitation supplies or equipment, PPE, training)
- Addressing the impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions (summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive after school programs, or extended school year)
- Technology (educational equipment, hardware, software, connection devices, cybersecurity infrastructure)
- Addressing mental health needs (evidence-based mental health and wellness programs for students and staff, trauma-informed trainings)
- Repairing and improving school facilities and indoor air quality (school heating, cooling, and ventilation systems)

Concord Academy Petoskey values the input of our students, families, educators, and community members. We invite you to weigh in on how the district should prioritize the expenditure of our ESSER III funds.

Please take a moment to complete the brief survey below. Your input is extremely valuable.

Link to Survey: <https://forms.gle/cCq5aNbC3gC1QHah8>

Thank you for your participation,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Kali L McNamara". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "K".

Kali L McNamara
Executive Director