Section: Narratives - Needs Assessment

Introduction

The findings of a recent study showed that there is a significant benefit to students who participate in out-of-school-time (OST) programs. In fact, the Return on Investment of Summer school Programs in Pennsylvania study determined that for every dollar invested in summer school programming for students there was a return of $6.69 in potential benefits to students, including reduced rates for drop-outs, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, crime and delinquency (Link PSAYDN.org).

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and Pennsylvania Act 24 of 2021 (Act 24), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) will award approximately $50,000,000 or one percent (1%) of Pennsylvania's ARP Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) State Reserve funds to support school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools (collectively, LEAs) in the development and implementation of comprehensive after-school programs to address learning loss in response to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students and subgroups of students impacted by COVID-19 public health emergency that supplement school programs and activities.

Act 24 requires that, when available, existing personnel shall be utilized by school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools to staff programs and activities established with these grant funds.

Within 90 days of receipt of these allocations, school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools must submit a three- part plan to PDE, that outlines the proposed use of the grant money, itemized by program and activity. This plan is part of a consolidated application that includes after-school programming, summer programming, and a comprehensive plan to address learning loss. The plan shall include:

> 1) A description of each program and activity
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> 2) A narrative outlining the expected benefit of each program and activity
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> 3) A budget for each program and activity detailing personnel and operating costs

PDE has developed the Accelerated Learning Toolkit, a significant cadre of resources and trainings, to support LEAs in the development of their plans. The Accelerated Learning Toolkit can be found Link to Accelerated Learning Toolkit.

Section 1 - Needs Assessment: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the impact of the pandemic on their students since March 2020.

Indicators of Impact

> 1. Describe how the LEA identified students for inclusion in a summer school program. Include a brief description of the indicators used in the decision-making process.

In Mariana Bracetti's ESSER II and ARP ESSER applications, funding was allocated for full-time staff members to provide summer school programming focused on academic support for the next three years (2021-2024). These offerings are designed utilizing PDE's Integrated

System of Support for Accelerated Learning with a focus on high-quality academics to help students successfully master grade level content as well as attention to providing a system of scaffolded supports. In addition to core academic offerings, an effort was made this past summer to provide high school students with access to an off-site SAT preparation program, however, attendance was not as high as we would have liked. Our students have found a "home" here at Mariana Bracetti and expressed interest in an on-site offering. To foster a supportive learning environment for these students, we would like to offer an intensive summer session for junior and senior students focused specifically on SAT preparation and college application completion, including essay writing support. Like our challenges with staffing after school offerings, we recognize we may need to supplement existing staff with high quality SAT program staff such as Kaplan, Princeton Review, or a local university. Additionally, preparation materials (both paper- and web-based) will be needed for effective program implementation over the next three years.

Section: Narratives - Summer School Program Questions

Summer School Program Questions: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to provide summer school programming for their students.

2. Identify the target student-group for the summer school program. Will the focus be on academic growth, social and emotional wellness, or some other factor to support student growth? For each group, provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts.

Student Group	Area of Focus	Number of Students Served	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts
Children from Low-Income Families	Academic Growth	50	Summer program registration will be monitored to measure student interest and informal observations will be used to gauge student engagement. Additionally, curriculum and grade level teams will utilize their biweekly team meetings in the spring to identify students who would be best served by a program of this nature.

3. Describe the evidence-based resources that will be used to support student growth during the summer school program.

Mariana Bracetti currently utilizes the Naviance platform to track students' college and career readiness as well as college interests. This platform will be utilized during the summer program along with paper- and web-based SAT preparation materials, and writing and revision tools. Students' college application essays will receive feedback from both the facilitator(s) and their peers.

4. Describe the staff that will provide the summer school program (i.e,. internal staff or outside

resources).

Number of Staff Members	Internal/Outside Provider	Role
2	Outside Provider	Summer Intensive Facilitator

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a. The LEA assures it understands it is responsible to offer the work to its internal employees prior to engaging outside entities.

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b. The LEA assures it understands it is responsible to ensure that all summer school program staff hold the appropriate certifications for the program that is being delivered.

5. How will the LEA assess the success of the summer school program? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Two- and Four-Year College Admission Rates	Annual Review	5% increase in two-year college admission rates and 10% increase in four-year college admission rates
College Scholarships	Annual Review	10% increase in college scholarships awarded to students

6. How will the LEA engage families in the summer school program?

Mariana Bracetti will utilize a variety of communication outlets to share information about summer school program offerings with families, including paper flyers, social media, family conferences, student concern meetings, and texting services. Families of students attending the program will receive regular updates from program facilitators about upcoming activities and student assignments.

Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures

Instruction Expenditures

Budget

$115,210.00

Allocation

$115,210.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

$0.00

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1400 - Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	$80,000.00	Contract Staff for SAT Prep and College Application Intensive
1400 - Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary	600 - Supplies	$35,210.00	Materials for SAT Prep and College Application Intensive
		$115,210.00	

Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Budget

$115,210.00
Allocation

$115,210.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

$0.00

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
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		$0.00	

Section: Budget - Budget Summary

BUDGET SUMMARY

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
1000 Instruction	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1300 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1400 Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary	$0.00	$0.00	$80,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$35,210.00	$0.00	$115,210.00
1600 * ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1700 Higher Education Programs	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1800 Pre-K	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2000 SUPPORT SERVICES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2100 SUPPORT SERVICES – STUDENTS	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2200 Staff Support	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
Services								
2300 SUPPORT SERVICES – ADMINISTRATION	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2400 Health Support Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2500 Business Support Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2600 Operation and Maintenance	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2700 Student Transportation	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2800 Central Support Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3100 Food Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3200 Student Activities	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3300 Community Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
	$0.00	$0.00	$80,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$35,210.00	$0.00	$115,210.00

Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000	$0.00
Final	$115,210.00