

Community Input Meeting
June 10, 2021
6PM
Virtual Meeting

Dr. Seitsinger, Gloria Homiski, Sean Nugent, Cindy Luty, Jania Keenan, Susan Strader and Kelly McNamara were present.

Dr. Seitsinger reviewed the purpose of the meeting. Basically the district must seek community input every 6 months on how the ARP ESSER money should be spent.

June 2021

December 2021

June 2022

December 2022

June 2023

Dr. Seitsinger shared a brief powerpoint presentation which outlined the five major categories that will be supported by this money:

1. Learning acceleration, academic renewal, and student enrichment
2. Family/community connections
3. SEL and mental health of staff and students
4. Strategic use of technology/digital divide
5. Safe buildings and healthy schools

A safe return to school plan must be posted on our own website and also sent to the department of education by June 23rd.

The plan for next year is to open 5 days a week with normal staffing, and before and after school programming.

The primary condition of receiving the ARP 589,000.00 is that we must enhance and extend what we are currently doing. The ARP timeline is due August 16th.

Any and all members of the community may provide input by way of email to Dr. Seitsinger or Gloria Homiski. In the future, people can give input at face to face meetings.

Dr. Nugent attended an Economic Development Meeting and stated that the Eastern CT Governors are planning to reach out to districts to help with the ARP application. Dr. Nugent enforced that the deadline is quickly approaching.

Cindy Luty suggested that we change the term learning "acceleration." She does not want it to appear that we will be pushing students unnecessarily. It was also suggested by Dr. Nugent that we state that we will follow the most recent CDC and DPH guidelines regarding mask wearing.

Kelly McNamara thanked Dr. Seitsinger for holding this informative forum.

Dr. Seitsinger stated that he intends to publish slides ahead of the next meeting. He also reminded everyone to send their ideas by way of email.

