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We have had responses for four community members. They are included in this email regarding ESSER III funding. We have \$800,000 as part of the federal stimulus for K12 school districts. I will be out of town starting Friday and through the following week. I know that a couple of you will be out the week that I return. I have already received several ideas. Two up for immediate action is to add one district counselor for social and emotional concerns and an instructional technology specialist for the district. I would like to have synergy on this discussion and then we can finalize in mid June. This has to be submitted to TEA in July. So, time is short. I have included suggestions from Janet. Please respond to the group email so that we all stay together on this.

What about a 3 d printer for the technology classes?

Thoroughly refurbish and replumb student bathrooms in the elementary
Rectify drainage issues in and around the elementary

*Purchase new student desks for 4th and 5th grade classrooms

*Stipends for Reading Academy participants

*Library books

1. *The counselor 2. *Stipends for the extra work

1. *Expand band hall - for some of these students music/band is the only time they aren't in front of a screen/monitor/phone during the school day. Music and band are very important especially after a pandemic. The band hall has been the same band hall with only minor repairs since I don't even know when. With a bigger band hall/music class the music program can be extended downward lower than fifth grade. This is something that has needed to be done for years.

2. Can you give teachers a "bonus" for working so hard during the pandemic? One teacher I spoke with during the pandemic mentioned to me that they not only were "online" during all of the classes but spent numerous hours after school learning how to remote teach, doing lesson plans for both online/in person teaching. Our teachers deserve recognition/compensation for this.

3. Update bathroom facilities at football field - The restroom for women has 3 stalls and is cramped for space. There is no counter. These restrooms have been the same since before I graduated in 1998. They need to be updated with sanitation/cleanliness in mind. I haven't been in the restroom for the men, but I assume it is the same. A restroom was added near the concession stand for women - It is also small and outdated. You can only fit one extra person in this restroom.

4. Did I mention the band hall?

5. *I believe our school needs a professional mental health counselor. I understand that we have a high school counselor and I don't know if she is qualified as a mental health counselor. Our school needs someone that is there specifically for this person. These children need someone that they can talk to and build a trusting relationship with. If the person is changing every week - this just adds to the stress/emotional and mental wellbeing of the child. They have to continuously start over with whomever the new person is. These children suffered greatly from the loss of being with their friends and in the classroom environment. I have had some children say they felt isolated when they were one of the only ones on "internet" learning. This is very important for our children to have at our school.

5a - *Reinstate the PALS program - where high school students mentor elementary school students. **Herman Mach**

6. The school has a 504/ARD plan for students. They are able to leave the classroom for help. -
1) I am glad children are able to do this. 2) I believe it is aides that are doing the helping during these periods of time.

It has been told to me that we do not have many **aides in the school that are able to give this help and that are readily available if they are needed. I am not 100% sure how this works - but we need more of these people for students that need that little extra help and the 1-on-1 time. We need more of whomever these wonderful people are.

7) *Expand the Art program to provide for more hands-on learning - let them paint a building at the school - something. Art is one of the ways that children are NOT on a device learning something and are able to be creative.

8) *I have heard that the Afterschool program is amazing. Add funding to enhance the afterschool program with tutoring, activities, etc.

9) OUR BUSES!!! My children's bus has broken down AT LEAST 4 times this year.

10) *Air conditioning and ventilation system - Why is it always so hot in the high school? and the gym?

11) School field trips - less screen learning and more hands-on learning. ADD MORE

12) *Subject tutoring

13) *Outdoor learning area - for students to get off chromebooks and be "cooped up" like we all were during quarantine and be outside and learn. This can make a huge difference on learning for students who were completely isolated -

14) Band hall

*Ventilation needs

*Drug Testing