



# Anderson Public School

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## ARP Use of Funds for 2022 – 2023

In the Spring of 2020, congress authorized the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER) as a response to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on our public school districts. Here at Anderson School the effects of Covid have certainly been felt, but none as hard as the effect we are currently experiencing this school year in particular. Patrons will remember that due to the viral outbreak of the Corona Virus, Anderson school was forced to shutter its doors for a considerable amount of time in the Fall of 2020. In a domino effect result, the State of Oklahoma is now reducing our school funding by HALF for this school year.

2021-2022 school year funding:	\$1,001,999.99	“regular funding”
2022-2023 school year funding:	\$502,999.99	this year’s funding
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Cut in state funding:	\$515,999.99	<b>50.56% REDUCTION</b>
	<b>Due to Covid Closing</b>	

This funding cut is a catastrophic loss for our school. Assuming that the average teacher salary is \$42,000 per year, and then adding in the cost of providing benefits such as Insurance, Social Security, and other costs, a rough estimate for the full cost of employing a teacher is \$50,000.00. Our funding has been cut by \$500,000.00, so dividing these two numbers; we are clearly talking about the cost of ten teachers. Here at Anderson we only have 20 teachers. **In other words, this catastrophic loss of funding due to the Covid - 19 pandemic will mean the loss of over half our teachers.** In that scenario, it is simply not possible to conduct school. The result of this catastrophic funding loss is that our fabulous school would close its doors in the next year.

*HOWEVER--* We DO have the ESSER and ARP funds that were specifically sent to schools to address the effects of Covid-19. In fact, the remaining amount of funding we have in these two funds are almost equal to the funding cut that Oklahoma is exacting upon us due to the Covid-response of not being able to open school in the Fall of 2020:

Remaining ESSER II funding:	\$81,334.03
Remaining ARP/ESSER III funding:	\$411,945.83
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Total Funds remaining available:	\$493,279.86

*ADDITIONALLY--* The regulations of the Every Student Succeeds Act (which regulates ARP/ESSER) allows for use of the project funds for unusual or unique applications in the rare event of what they call a “precipitous decline in local financial resources”.

This describes our current situation precisely.

Therefore, for this school year, 2022-2023, we will utilize our remaining ESSER II and ESSER III (ARP) allocations by funding our teacher salaries. This use of funds will allow us to fulfill the primary goal of the ESSA regulations, which they call providing **“Continuity of Services”**. We simply call it “having school”.

**In summary:**

**Utilizing our remaining ESSER funds is the only way that we will be able to keep our doors open due to the “Precipitous loss of local funding” caused by the effects of our response to the Corona Virus world-wide pandemic. Use of our remaining ESSER funds in this fashion will allow us to continue providing “Continuity of Services” for the students of the Anderson School District.**

