

# Merrick Academy Charter School est.2000

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## **ARP-ESSER SPENDING PLAN**

### **American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief (ESSER) Plan**

November 13, 2021

Dear Parents, Colleagues, and Friends of Merrick Academy,

Merrick Academy Queens Public Charter School (school initials) was awarded \$804,099 in federal funds through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund. Under this program, Merrick Academy developed a plan that outlined the support we will provide to safely reopen and sustain safe operations while meeting the academic, social-emotional, and mental health needs of all of our students, particularly those at-risk.

The majority of our funds will be used to support extended learning and daily intervention programs. To address unfinished learning, Merrick Academy used 100% of the funds to offer a comprehensive after-school program and summer enrichment program to students in all grades(K-5) for the 2021-2022 academic year.

The purpose of the after-school program is to support unfinished learning during afterschool. This consists of teachers, social workers, deans, and community-based partnerships with after-school learning programs. The following computer-based programs will be used to reinforce skills, such as iReady, guided reading, and Zearn, among others. The program will run from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm for 180 school days. The total cost of the program will be \$378,000.

Another way that Merrick Academy is increasing instructional time to address unfinished learning is through a summer enrichment program. This program was for 260 students in Grades K-5 for 24 days – 7 hours each day. We had a minimum of two teachers in each classroom. \$352,800 paid the salaries for 42 Summer School Teachers, \$43,680 paid the salaries for 13 Summer School Teaching Assistants. \$16,800 paid the salaries for 2 Summer School Deans and \$6,819 paid the salaries for 1 Summer School Social Worker. The total cost of the salaries of the summer school program was \$420,099. The program include:

- Literature (Phonics, Reading, and Writing)
- Mathematics
- STEAM
- Robotics
- Boys group

- Coding
- Pretty Brown Girls
- Gardening
- Sign Language
- Drawing and Painting
- Basketball (Boys and Girls)
- Soccer (Co-Ed)
- Flag Football (Co-Ed)
- Sprinklers at Montbellier Park
- NYC of Science (Hall of Science)
- Aquarium
- Queens Zoo
- Queens Farm
- Magic Show

The proposed spending totals is \$798,000. The remaining balance of funds totaling \$6,099 will be used for indirect costs associated with school operations.

Warmest Regards,

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