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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This past spring, school districts across the state received notice that new federal funds would be available to support learning loss due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our community approved a school budget in May which included a \$500,000 appropriation of our fund balance in anticipation that we would be able to apply these funds to budgeted programs and services that address learning loss.

Specifically, we plan on retaining a number of support positions who support instruction in the classroom and provide enhanced educational and social emotional supports inside and outside the classroom.

It is the District's plan to recategorize certain teacher aides, AIS teaching positions, counseling services, and behavioral supports from our general fund expenditures to the federal fund which would reduce our reliance on our high fund balance appropriation for the next few years. By doing this, we will be able to maintain the programs and services that support our students.

Our financial goal with this plan is to reduce our reliance on the utilization of fund balance to a level that is consistent with prior year's allocation (\$150,000).

After the reallocation of funds to create sustainability in our operations, there may be additional funds available to support learning loss. The district is considering new enrichment opportunities in the future including summer enrichment, enhanced field trips, academic clubs and leagues, and curriculum enhancements. We also have a responsibility to train our staff on diversity and capture the differing perspectives of the World.

Before the District commits to the use of the federal funds, we would like to encourage you to share your thoughts about possibilities for our students that address learning loss and children's social emotional needs. You can participate in the Thought Exchange by navigating to the following website: <https://tejoin.com/269562937>. The exchange will be open until 11:59 PM on Thursday, August 19, 2021.

We will use the feedback collected to inform the District's decision on the utilization of these funds.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Gregory Molloy