

Bethlehem Area School District

A-TSI 2.5% SET ASIDE: FREEDOM & LIBERTY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR USE OF FUNDS

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) recognizes the extraordinary efforts made by school districts, schools and educators to address the needs of students and to support them during the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional ESSER A-TSI funds were allocated to Freedom and Liberty High Schools to support their School Improvement Plans and to provide equitable services and opportunities to vulnerable student populations.

The A-TSI Plan for Use of Funds focuses on **Access to Instruction** and **Continuity of Services** to address the impact of COVID-19 pandemic has had on student learning, engagement and well-being.

Date of Submission to PDE: September 30, 2021

Access to Instruction

Considering regular attendance, chronic absenteeism, academic and social emotion data from the previous school year, Freedom and Liberty High Schools will use these funds to support the goals of increasing opportunities to lean and equity in instructional delivery by implementing the following strategies:

- Provide after-school tutoring
- Purchase instructional materials
- Secure substitutes so staff can conduct learning walks to improve teaching practices so they can address students' academic needs and increase opportunities to learn
- Hire an additional ELL Instructional Assistant to meet the needs of English learners

Continuity of Services

Recognizing the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the social and emotional, and mental health well-being of staff and students, Freedom and Liberty High Schools will use ESSER funds to sustain services to address these needs by continuing the following services:

- Mindfulness Training
- Implement "Check & Connect" - a mentorship program to improve student attendance, student emotional-well being and achievement
- Sustain and expand the Wellness Center at both schools

Transportation of Students

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Freedom and Liberty Highschool will use ESSER funds to purchase bus passes to help students access free public transportation to improve their daily attendance and have more access to direct instruction.

Freedom and Liberty High Schools A-TSI School Improvement Plan for Use of Funds Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for the Bethlehem Area School District reviewed and approved the Freedom and Liberty High Schools A-TSI School Improvement Plan for Use of Funds on October 25, 2021.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

9 Yes
0 No

Affirmed on: October 25, 2021

By:



Michael E. Faccinetto

President, Board of School Directors

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