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The members of the Board of Education were made aware of a compliance issue on Tuesday, September 14th. This report was originally written on Thursday, September 16th for the September 21, 2021 Board of Education meeting. Upon an agreement reached with members of the BoE and district administrators on Friday, September 17th, which put the district closer to meeting current CDC COVID 19 mitigation guidance, I pulled the report. The Board of Education voted not to implement the agreed upon changes to the SB1 resolution at the September 21, 2021 meeting. Therefore, the district has not resolved the issues outlined in the report below. In response to the action of the Gallatin County Board of Education, I must submit this report to be placed on the next Board of Education meeting agenda. As the district federal programs director, I am submitting this report so it is recorded in the public record.

October 19, 2021 Board of Education Meeting Report

ARP ESSER Funding

 In order to receive ARP ESSER funding, which is $3,301,423.00 for the Gallatin County School District, just as all other districts in Kentucky, the Board of Education must approve FY2021 American Rescue Plan ESSER Assurances. As the Federal Programs Coordinator it is my duty to inform the superintendent and the Board of Education when compliancy issues may arise. It is my belief that the Gallatin County School Board Resolution, and 2021 RS HB1 Plan which allow optional masking, goes against the assurances the BoE had previously approved. This resolution specifically is out of line with the highlighted sections of the assurances below. ARP ESSER funding will be monitored in the future and if the federal government finds districts have not followed through with assurances then there is a risk of the district being penalized. This could result in a number of corrective actions including possibly holding the district responsible for paying back funding, or with-holding future federal grants to recoup the funding spent when out of compliance.

6) The local educational agency will comply with all reporting requirements at such time and in such manner and containing such information as the KDE or the U.S. Department of Education may reasonably require including on matters such as:

• How the LEA is developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies and plans in line with the CDC guidance related to addressing COVID-19 in schools;

• Overall plans and policies related to State support for return to in-person instruction and maximizing in-person instruction time, including how funds will support a return to and maximize in-person instruction time, and advance equity and inclusivity in participation in in-person instruction;

• Data on each school's mode of instruction (remote, hybrid, in-person) and conditions;

• LEA uses of funds to meet students' social, emotional, and academic needs, including through summer enrichment programming and other evidence-based interventions, and how they advance equity for underserved students;

• LEA uses of funds to sustain and support access to early childhood education programs;

• Impacts and outcomes (disaggregated by student subgroup) through use of ARP ESSER funding (e.g., quantitative and qualitative results of ARP ESSER funding, including on personnel, student learning, and budgeting at the school and district level);

Sincerely,

Tony Jury

Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction

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