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Sunday, October 17, 2021 (5:00pm email only)

Re: MPSD - BOE Update

Good evening Miller Place School District Community,

We hope this email finds your family well and finding time to enjoy the fall season. As we are approaching the end of the second month of the 2021-22 school year, we wanted to take the opportunity to update you on two important items.

As you may be aware in May, June and July, the district was advised we would be receiving various Federal and state stimulus grants for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 summer and school year programs. The district discussed and presented our plans to the school community on several occasions. Copies of those plans can be viewed via the district website at [Business Office / School Funding \(millerplace.k12.ny.us\)](https://www.millerplace.k12.ny.us/BusinessOffice/SchoolFunding)

Here is a quick summary of the status of our initiatives:

Proposal	Implementation	Status
Pre-k Program for 4-year-old students (AMPS location)	45 students attend full-time at no cost to parents/guardians	Completed
Summer school enrichment grades 1-6	Elementary Summer Bridge Program	Completed
ELA and Math Remedial Support grades K-5	Hire two additional remedial teachers	Completed
Decrease elementary class size grades K-6	Hire seven additional teachers in grades K-6	Completed
Increase specials sections to support decreased elementary class size for grades K-6	Hire teachers in art, music, and physical education for grades K-6	Completed
Increase English Language Learners support (ELL)	Hire one additional English Language Learner (ELL) teacher	Completed
Increase Library sections at AMPS	Hire one additional part-time library media specialist	Completed
Increase elementary ICT classrooms, grades K-5	Hire additional special education teachers	Completed

Academic Support Center within the instructional day NCRMS	Provide students extra help on their lunch period during the school day	Pending – limited available staff – reviewing scheduling for this year and for the 2022-23 school year
Increase Math Academic Intervention (AIS) at NCRMS	Provide students additional math support as a scheduled period	In process – reviewing current student needs
Academic Support Center within the instructional day at MPHS	Provide students extra help on their lunch and free periods during the school day	Pending – limited available staff – reviewing scheduling for this year and for the 2022-23 school year
Advanced Placement summer prep program MPHS	AP students skills review for upcoming 2021-22 enrolled courses	Pending – no available staff for summer 2021 – review for summer 2022 implementation
Special Education Summer Reading Enrichment	Special Education student support in grades 6-12	Completed
Increase Behavior Counselor support	Hire four additional counselors for grades K-12 (one per school)	Completed
Increase Nursing support	Hire one additional School Nurse	Completed
Increase custodial support	Hire additional custodial staff	Completed
Increase IT support services	Hire additional technology support	Completed
Classroom ventilation systems	Review Systems for HVAC upgrades	In process pending 10/19/21 bond issue proposal

Updates to these plans will be discussed throughout the school year at Board of Education meetings and copies of presentations will be posted on the webpage noted above. Should you have a question regarding any of these grant funded initiatives (not our annual budget) please feel free to call district office at (631) 474-2700 and your call will be directed accordingly.

Regarding the proposed bond issue, vote day is Tuesday, October 19, 2021, copies of the public presentations, community notifications, and frequently asked questions (FAQ) can be viewed via the district website at [Business Office / Bond Information \(millerplace.k12.ny.us\)](https://www.millerplace.k12.ny.us). Should you have a question regarding any of the projects, including improved air quality for all schools, air conditioning all classrooms, the critical infrastructure needs, and/or the revenue plan to pay for these projects (state aid, retiring debt, budget and federal funds with no tax rate increase), please feel free to call district office at (631) 474-2700 and your call will be directed accordingly.

We wish you and your family a wonderful and healthy fall season.

Sincerely,

Miller Place School District Board of Education