

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Title I Part A Program



**Emmet Belknap Intermediate School
2023-2024 Title I Part A Program**

Understanding ESSA

- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is a law that outlines how states can use federal money to support public schools.
- Schools and districts are measured annually to determine how well they are performing in the following areas:
 - ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies
 - High School Readiness, Graduation Rate
 - Attendance, Out-of-School Suspensions
 - College, Career, and Civic Readiness
 - English Language Acquisition (for non-native English speakers)
- ESSA dollars are used to fund school and district programs and people to help students perform better in the above indicator areas and to ensure they have a well-rounded, safe, and healthy learning experience.
- ESSA funds also support professional development for teachers and leaders, providing each student with access to excellent educators.



The Title I Part A Program

- Title I Part A funds are used to meet the needs of children with the greatest need of services.
- A portion is set aside to support the following:
 - students experiencing homelessness
 - parent and family engagement
 - support for Lockport students residing at a neglected/delinquent facility
- Allowable use of Title I A funds include:
 - teaching and student support staff providing AIS, RTI, counseling, or other academic support services
 - funding for extended school day programs (after school & summer school)
 - instructional materials and supplies for AIS programs
 - training for staff that supports AIS instruction
 - academic field trips, dual enrollment programs, and advanced courses



The Title I Part A Program

- The total amount available to support school-based Title I A services for 2023-2024 is \$1,776,310.
- These dollars are distributed between all Lockport schools based on student population and poverty levels.
- Emmet Belknap Intermediate School will receive approximately \$275,030 to support its Title I A Program.



2023-2024 Title I A Program

At EBIS, the use of Title I Part A Funds are used to provide a:

- Two Reading/Literacy Teachers to offer Academic Intervention Services (AIS) During the Regular School Day



Title I Funding At EBIS

- This funding helps provide a portion of the Reading services delivered to students.
- Students are supported through push-in and pull out supports throughout the school day with appropriate resources and supplies that support their Reading needs



What Are Academic Intervention Services?

- Throughout the year, students participate in a variety of assessments that help measure their skill level and academic progress in both Reading and Math
- When students demonstrate a deficit on any of these assessments, a team of staff members determine if additional support is needed
- When necessary, students may receive push in and/or pull out services several times a week to focus on targeted interventions
- The skills and strategies taught are then applied within the classroom setting to support learning and academic achievement



Title I A Parent & Family Engagement Funds

- Each school receives a portion of Title I A funds to support Parent & Family Engagement based on a NYSED formula that includes the number of students attending a school and the percentage of those students who live in poverty
- Funds must be spent on activities, services, or items that support parent and family engagement in school, i.e. parent nights, home communication folders, and student/family events
- Principals and parents (usually PTAs) work together to decide how these funds should be spent
- Emmet Belknap will receive \$2,758 this year



How EBIS Will Utilize the Parent Engagement Funds?

- We will provide each student with a durable **Home/School Communication Folder** to get information home to parents
- **Student Agendas** will be purchased for all students to help them learn responsibility for recording their assignments, and accountability for completing and returning their assignments back to school
- Funds will also be used to support a **miscellaneous items** associated with after school/evening family events



What Are Your Thoughts?

Please use this QR code to take a brief survey to let us know your thoughts about our Title I program



Questions Can Be Directed To:

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