

Clarke Pennsylvania, Inc. dba Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech (“Clarke”) has been awarded American Rescue Plan funds for Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ARP-ESSER) to support schools through the challenges faced in mitigating Covid Relief. At Clarke, these federal funds have, and will continue to help keep our school community safe, address the learning loss due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, and ensure a continuity of programming and services to meet the demands for students who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families who desire a listening and spoken language outcome by:

Supporting ongoing continuity of services by ensuring service providers are available to fulfill the demand of students, health, and safety protocols in place to keep in-person learning attainable and consistent. Enhanced professional development will provide staff with resources to keep teaching practices, strategies, and curriculums in line with best practice and evolving state standards.

Creating an environment where staff’s professional learning goals are prioritized and encouraged. Clarke will invest in exploring what young professionals value in an employer to create a positive work environment that staff want to remain a part of to provide high quality listening and spoken language services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing in the Philadelphia region.

Supporting the use of a Health and Safety Manager to monitor, create, regulate, and educate on policies and procedures to ensure the safety and security of the Clarke community staff, students, and families while prioritizing in-person learning.

Total funds awarded do not exceed \$20,236.00.