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Marco F. Pochintesta, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Pearl River School Community,

Our process for engaging with stakeholders on how to best utilize the federal funding available through the American Response Plan (ARP) and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) has moved steadily along. This multi-year funding will deliver an additional 4.6 million dollars in aid to the District to support our recovery from the impact of COVID-19.

We began this effort by asking for the input of staff at each of the schools in early May and followed this work with two focus group sessions with parents from each of the schools. 35 parents attended sessions offered on May 25th and 26th. We appreciate the thoughtful participation of all the parents who joined the work of the focus groups and the feedback we have had from our staff. The administration of a survey, informed by our staff and focus group input, is our final step in obtaining stakeholder feedback.

To complete the survey, participants will be asked to select the most important items within the following five distinct categories: *Impact of lost instructional time*, *social and emotional learning and support*, *educational technology*, *facilities*, *and other areas of interest*. The items within each of the categories are derived from the feedback we received at our stakeholder meetings. The fifth category, other areas of interest, covers items of interest expressed by our stakeholders that may not be supported by ARP and CRRSA, however, respecting the process and the input we have received we want to learn more about the community's thinking on these items as we plan for the future.

We appreciate your participation in this process and value your feedback. Parents, faculty and staff are asked to complete the survey by clicking on the link below. MS and HS students will receive an invite to complete the survey from their school. The survey will close on the morning of June 10th as we are working towards meeting the June 15, 2021 deadline for submission of an initial ARP and CRRSA spending plan.

Sincerely,

Marco F. Pochintesta, Ed. D.

Survey Link: https://forms.gle/FmzizRS8dqcKVNcT9