The Viewmont School Community Council allocated funds to support programs and needs that have a direct correlation to student success in the areas of ELA, math, and science for the 2019-20 school year. Land Trust monies were used to purchase high quality software to further student learning by reinforcing key concepts, assisting with reteaching, or providing extension opportunities. Students in grades K-3 had access to Brain Pop, Jr (which also provides support in the areas of social studies and health) while students in grades 4-6 had access to IXL. Additionally, we purchased high quality supplemental reading materials that provide strong supports in ELA through exposure to highly engaging science and social studies topics. These materials, Scope and Scholastic, enabled students to extend their learning through practice as well as to strengthen their reading comprehension and fluency and their writing skills. We continued to support student growth in Lexia by purchasing small rewards to celebrate their individual growth and successes.

Additionally, Viewmont’s SCC allocated monies that allowed for the purchase or replacement of necessary classroom technology items. We purchased audio-enhancement systems, document cameras, Apple TVs, screen beams, and large projection screens. Some of these items were necessary as teachers were given an option between a PC or a MacBook to use in their classrooms.

We have also spent money on the Playworks program. This program has helped to solidify fair play, problem solving strategies, create an inclusive environment as well as to mitigate many recess issues that were taking away from classroom instruction time. Our data shows that Playworks has reduced lost instructional time and given students more ownership of an inclusive recess environment.

We were unable to spend some of our allocated funding for professional learning connected to our shift to CBL and Restorative Practices. Additionally, some of the monies earmarked for substitute costs were unable to be spent as the deeper dives of data related to Math, ELA, and Writing Benchmarks were scheduled to take place during the period of time we were in a soft closure of schools. This money has been rolled over into the Land Trust budget for the 2020-21 school year.