

State Budget Reporting and Foundation Aid Survey - Budget Reporting**Background/Instructions**

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Background and Instructions**Background**

Section 9-a of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021, as amended by §5-a of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022 requires, on or before July 1, 2022, every local educational agency (LEA) receiving funding from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) act of 2021 to post on its website and submit to the New York State Education Department (NYSED) an updated plan of how such funds will be expended and how the LEA will prioritize spending on non-recurring expenses as defined in section 9-a(1) of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021. This updated plan must include:

- An analysis of public comment;
- Goals and ratios for pupil support;
- Detailed summaries of Investments in current year activities; and
- Balance of funds spent in priority areas.

In addition, Section 10-d of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021, as amended by §5-b of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, requires school districts receiving a foundation aid increase of more than 10% or \$10,000,000 must create plans on how these funds will be used to address student performance and need. These plans must be completed, submitted to the department, and posted to district websites prior to July 1 of 2021, 2022, and 2023. Each district subject to this requirement is required to:

- Seek public comment from parents, teachers, and other stakeholders;
- Take public comments into account in the development of the plan;
- Include an analysis of public comments within the plan;
- Describe in the plan how the foundation aid increase will be used, including portions of the increase used to address any of seven listed areas;
- Post the plan on the district website; and
- Submit the plan to the State Education Department in a form prescribed by the Department to be posted publicly.

The list of school districts that are required to submit a plan aligned with the increase in foundation aid may be found in the "Foundation Aid and ARP Plan Notification Guidance" memo located in the *Documents* library at the lower left of the application. It should be noted that this requirement does not obligate districts to spend additional foundation aid funds in specific ways, but does require district seek public comment and share plans on how they intend to spend these additional funds. Plans are required to cover only the foundation aid *increase*. The plan should *not* cover how the district intends to use its *entire* foundation aid amount. Describe in the plan how the foundation aid increase will be used, including portions of the increase used to address any of the following seven areas:

- Increasing graduation rates and eliminating the achievement gap;
- Reducing class sizes;
- Providing supports for students who are not meeting, or at risk of not meeting, state learning standards in core academic subject areas;
- Addressing student social-emotional health;
- Providing adequate resources to English language learners, students with disabilities; and students experiencing homelessness;
- Goals and ratios for pupil support; and
- Detailed summaries of investments in current year initiatives and balance of funds spent in priority areas.

Instructions

The *State Budget Reporting and Foundation Aid Survey* is due by July 1, 2022.

LEAs must complete all sections and are required to answer questions marked with a red asterisk. If a required question has not been completed, the business

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portal will highlight it in red and the section of the application will be flagged. The applicant will be unable to submit the application to NYSED for final review if a required question remains unresolved.

The online application may only be submitted/certified by the chief school officer of the applicant LEA. The designated superintendent (public school LEAs) or the chief executive officer, board of trustees president, or school employee designated by the board of trustees (charter school LEAs) are the only administrators with the submit/certify rights necessary to successfully submit and certify a completed application for NYSED review.

LEAs are NOT REQUIRED to send hard copies of survey materials to the Department.

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Use of Foundation Aid Increase

1. Please describe how the district plans to utilize funds provided by the foundation aid increase in the following priority areas. If these funds will not be used for one of the priority areas listed below, please respond with "N/A."

	Key Goals, Metrics, or Ratios (250 words or less)	Community Feedback Reflected (250 words or less)	New Foundation Aid Funds to Support Initiative (\$)
Increasing graduation rates and eliminating the achievement gap	Create individualized HS programs for the purpose of increasing student engagement and graduation rates.	Community welcomed redesigning HS concept and purchase of new building (thru community forums and then a separate community vote)	725000
Reducing class sizes	N/A	N/A	0
Providing supports for students who are not meeting, or at risk of not meeting, state learning standards in core academic subject areas	Students meet regularly with assigned staff outside school hours to ensure student engagement in school and improve school performance	Community saw a need for additional staff support outside of school for struggling students	305000
Addressing student social-emotional health	Provide students with additional mental support and connect students/families to community mental health resources	All stakeholders supported this initiative. Families expressed great need for outside referrals to support mental health needs of students.	234000
Providing adequate resources to English language learners, students with disabilities, and students experiencing homelessness	Programs for struggling learners to close achievement gap post pandemic	community voiced concern over loss of learning and socialization during pandemic	745000

2. Please use the chart below to describe 'Other' priority areas not otherwise addressed in Item #1. Click on "Add Row" as applicable for additional priority areas.

Priority Area	Key Goals, Metrics, or Ratios (250 words or less)	Community Feedback Reflected (250 words or less)	New Foundation Aid Funds to Support Initiative (\$)
(No Response)	(No Response)	(No Response)	(No Response)

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- 3. Please describe your analysis of public comment from parents, teachers, and other stakeholders on the plan. This analysis should include the approach to outreach that was implemented and common recommendations or suggestions. For recommendations not reflected in the plan above, what limitations or rationale led to the decision to not include? (250 words or less)**

The plan was discussed with students, teachers, district administrators, the board of education, and parents at board meetings. The public welcomed the opportunity to give students a wider range of opportunities and prepare them better for work and career post high school. The community recommended that the district consider more opportunities to prepare students for work and career opportunities if they do not plan to attend 4 year college. The teachers/staff recommended more opportunities to help students explore and learn about future career pathways and align their strengths with viable future career paths. The programs and curricula developed in the past year involves synchronous and asynchronous learning and apps/technology is used to individualize programming. Teachers were looking for more tangible ways to asses student growth, and the apps and technology added to our program allows better individualization and assessment of student growth.

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1. Have you made changes to your approved ARP - ESSER application?

- YES, the LEA has made changes to your approved ARP ESSER application.
- NO, the LEA has not made changes to your approved ARP ESSER application.

2. Please provide an analysis of public comment for the updated American Rescue Plan (ARP) - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding.

Our school district did not change the plan from last June. The only change was the delay in the unit ventilators (due to supply chain issues). The district will expend these monies for the UV's when the products are available. Therefore there were no comments to consider.

3. Please provide a description of program goals and per pupil teacher ratios for priorities supported by ARP - ESSER funding. Click on "Add Row" as needed to include additional program goals.

Program Goals	Per Pupil Teacher Ratios (# : #)
Learning Loss / Summer Support Programs Students who were identified as in need of Tier 2 or Tier 3 support are invited to before/after-school and summer learning program to help close the achievement gap and counter learning loss that occurred during the pandemic. This program targets all learners but also specifically students with disabilities and English language learners that are in need of these additional supports.	5:1

4. Please provide detailed summaries of investments in current year activities for ARP - ESSER funding. Click on "Add Row" as needed to include programs.

Summary of New Programs or Expansion of Existing Programs in Current Year	Investment (\$)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue summer program for English language learners • Continue summer program for struggling learners • Continue before/after-school instruction to help with learning loss 	143747

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5. Please explain how ARP ESSER funds will be expended by the LEA, by school year, for each of the priority areas in the chart below.

	2021-22 School Year (\$)	2022-23 School Year (\$)	2023-24 School Year (\$)
Safely returning students to in-person instruction.	11,887	941,272	0
Maximizing in-person instruction time.	0	0	0
Operating schools and meeting the needs of students.	108,506	108,366	0
Purchasing educational technology.	0	0	0
Addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, including the impacts of interrupted instruction and learning loss and the impacts on low-income students, children with disabilities, English language learners, and students experiencing homelessness.	5,174	143,747	143,747
Implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs.	0	0	0
Offering evidence-based summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs.	0	0	0

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	2021-22 School Year (\$)	2022-23 School Year (\$)	2023-24 School Year (\$)
Supporting early childhood education.	0	0	0
Other (please describe below)	0	0	0
Totals:	125,567	1,193,385	143,747

6. If 'Other' is indicated in the table above, please describe.

(No Response)