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State Budget Reporting Survey - Budget Reporting

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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, <u>every</u> 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 Departent (NYSED) an updated plan of how such funds will be expended and how the LEA will prioritized 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:

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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.

Instructions

The State Budget Reporting 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 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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American Rescue Plan (ARP) Spending Plan Reporting

- 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.

The school holds monthly Board of Trustees meetings and these meetings are open to the public as per the Open Meetings Law. During each meeting there is a portion of time dedicated to public comment. To date, no public comment has been made regarding the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

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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 (# : #)
The school will provide students with ample social, emotional, and mental health supports by increasing the number of school counselors and social workers equipped to support those needs.	1:1
The school will provide a variety of enrichment courses to compliment core classes and give students a well rounded academic experience.	25:1
The school will increase teacher staffing to ensure that classes have additional instructional supports to combat and reverse learning loss and unfinished teaching.	15:1

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 (\$)
The school invested in providing transportation scholarships to families needing financial support getting students to/from school.	36905
The school invested in providing scholarships to students to participate in summer afterschool and summer enrichment programming.	5983
The school invested in providing substitute teachers and paraprofessionals to combat the effects of teacher vacancies and lack of specialized para support provided by the DOE during the year.	275846
The school invested in providing each student with a Chromebook to support with both in-person education as well as homework.	45378
The school invested in hiring ample support services staff such as counselors and social workers to provide social, emotional, and mental health services and supports to students.	75000

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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.	36,905	0	0
Maximizing in-person instruction time.	22,188	2,223	0
Operating schools and meeting the needs of students.	155,417	161,868	161,867

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	2021-22 School Year (\$)	2022-23 School Year (\$)	2023-24 School Year (\$)
Purchasing educational technology.	94,151	17,750	17,750
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.	275,846	0	0
Implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs.	90,000	86,200	86,200
Offering evidence-based summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs.	5,983	0	0
Supporting early childhood education.	0	0	0
Other (please describe below)	0	0	0
Totals:	680,490	268,041	265,817

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

(No Response)

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