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TO: BOCES District Superintendents
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FROM: Phyllis D. Morris, Chief Financial Officer

RE: **Local Educational Agency Allocations of Federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA Act) and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funding**

As a follow-up to my [January 15, 2021](#), [April 5, 2021](#) and [April 12, 2021](#) memoranda providing information on the federal education stimulus funding allocated to New York State under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA Act) and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, this memorandum provides local educational agency (LEA) allocations of CRRSA Act and ARP Act funding.

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA Act) Funding

New York State has been allocated just over \$4 billion under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act's (CRRSA Act's) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER 2) Fund. The CRRSA Act requires that a minimum of \$3.6 billion (90 percent) be allocated to LEAs, including charter schools and Special Act School Districts that are LEAs. Pursuant to the terms of the CRRSA Act, LEA allocations have been calculated using the relative shares of grants awarded under Title I, Part A of the ESEA for the most recent federal fiscal year (2020). [Each eligible LEA's ESSER 2 CRRSA allocation may be found here.](#)

New York State was allocated \$72.8 million under CRRSA's Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER 2) Fund. The 2021-22 enacted state budget directs that \$395 million of the remaining ESSER 2 funds and the full \$72.8 million of GEER 2 funds be allocated to provide school districts of lower wealth with a minimum per pupil allocation. [Each eligible LEA's additional ESSER 2 allocation and GEER 2 allocation may be found here.](#)

Please note that school district allocations may differ from the amounts noted on the 2021-22 enacted budget state aid runs as the budget amounts were projected while the allocations issued by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) are final.

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funding

New York State has been allocated nearly \$9 billion under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. The ARP Act requires that a

minimum of \$8.09 billion (90 percent) be allocated to LEAs, including charter schools and Special Act School Districts that are LEAs. Pursuant to the terms of the ARP Act, LEA allocations have been calculated using the relative shares of grants awarded under Title I, Part A of the ESEA for the most recent federal fiscal year (2020). [Each eligible LEA's ARP-ESSER allocation may be found here.](#)

The ARP Act requires LEAs to reserve at least 20% of their 90% ARP-ESSER allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs, and ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on economically disadvantaged students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care. [For your information, the minimum 20% reservation for each LEA may be found here.](#)

The ARP Act requires State Educational Agencies (SEAs) to reserve not less than 5 percent of the total amount of grant funds awarded to the State (\$449.4 million) to carry out activities to address learning loss by supporting the implementation of evidence-based interventions; not less than 1 percent (\$89.9 million) to carry out the implementation of evidence based summer enrichment programs and not less than 1 percent to carry out the implementation of evidence based comprehensive afterschool programs. The 2021-22 enacted state budget directs that these required SEA set-asides be allocated as grants to specified school districts. [Each eligible district's allocation of SEA reserve funds may be found here.](#)

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Application Process

On March 24, 2021, U.S. Education Secretary Cardona notified all SEAs that USDE will withhold the release of one-third of a state's ARP funds until the state submits an application to USDE with a plan for the use of the funds. On April 21, 2021, USDE issued [Interim Final Requirements](#) and a [State Plan Template](#). USDE has also indicated that more detailed guidance on use of CRRSA and ARP funds will be issued in early May, which we will share with LEAs upon receipt.

Based on these recently announced requirements, and in anticipation of receipt of federal guidance on use of funds, NYSED is working to finalize applications and guidance for the LEA allocations of ESSER 2 and ARP funds (ARP-ESSER funds and, if applicable, ARP SEA reserve funds). When the applications are available, NYSED will ask LEAs to submit separate applications for the ESSER 2 and ARP funds using our online Application Business Portal.

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