

**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

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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	Increase in salaries for teaching assistants in general education classes to assist teachers in classroom instruction and identify students who are falling behind. In addition, funds were added to support software packages provided via BOCES to be used in the educational program.	Community input agreed to the importance of teaching assistants in classroom learning. The TA can assist students who are not grasping concepts being taught which allows the teacher to focus on the job of teaching.	234051
Reducing class sizes	Increase budget for K-12 teacher salaries to ensure favorable student-teacher ratios	Ensure the district maintains a 25:1 student-teacher ratio or less for Elementary with a goal of 20:1. District maintains a 30:1 ratio or less for secondary education with a goal of 25.	465139
Providing supports for students who are not meeting, or at risk of not meeting, state learning standards in core academic subject areas	Additional new staff includes new music teacher, reading teacher, and two additional classroom technology specialists.	QR code on the budget document for community to access survey. Budget forum input agreed that these positions were key to addressing learning loss and to ensure student success	96692
Addressing student social-emotional health	District will be hiring a new bi-lingual social worker and an additional school psychologist. District also increased funds for its Family Resource Center to allow increased contractual hours for the FRC staff to provide family events	QR code on the budget document for community to access survey. Budget forum input agreed that these positions were key to addressing learning loss and to ensure student success	280601
Providing adequate resources to English language learners, students with disabilities, and students experiencing homelessness	District increased budget for speech therapists and teaching assistants who provide support in special education classrooms. In addition, budget for small and large buses who transport students to classes operated by BOCES or private placements was increased.	Budget forum input agreed that these positions were essential to ensure the success of students with disabilities.student success	840689

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.

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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)

**Use of Foundation Aid Increase (Cont.)**

- 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)**

A QR Code was provided on the budget document for parents and community to access a survey. The budget statement and information is made available at each school building in the month of April and a public hearing is held during the first week of May.

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ARP Spending Plan Reporting

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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.

**1a. Please provide a summary of those changes and the need informing those changes.**

The first amendment to the ARP-ESSERIII Plan was submitted and approved which allocated funds as follows:

- added funds for a new bi-lingual social worker salary and benefits for Nyack High School.
- allocated funds for Summer STREAM Academy provided by Concorde Education
- added funds for YALE Ruler Institute with group coaching sessions to continue in years 2 and 3.

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

Annual screenings take place in district schools to identify student progress and areas of need. The District is evaluating new software to help measure and identify student success and areas of need. Focus groups and community forums expressed concern regarding social-emotional and mental health issues of students in addition to learning loss compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic. The District will be contracting with BOCES to offer the YALE Ruler Institute designed by the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence.

**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 District plans to hire a new reading teacher specializing in Dyslexia is planned for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years,	1:0

**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 <i>or</i> Expansion of Existing Programs in Current Year	Investment (\$)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nyack school district contracted with Rockland County YMCA to provide after-school and community leadership and mentoring. (\$42,000)</li> <li>• Creative Arts Workshop program (\$38,087.50)</li> <li>• Nyack Center After-School Program (\$26,753.30)</li> <li>• Concorde LLC STREAM program (28,500)</li> <li>• Maksim Akelin (\$12,000 + \$2799.80 + \$1,045)</li> </ul>	151,185.60

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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.	335,332	300,000	300,000
Maximizing in-person instruction time.	28,500	185,258	208,002
Operating schools and meeting the needs of students.	764	45,000	50,000
Purchasing educational technology.	0	100,000	140,985

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	2021-22 School Year (\$)	2022-23 School Year (\$)	2023-24 School Year (\$)
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.	24,000	250,000	250,000
Implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs.	97,944	200,698	229,670
Offering evidence-based summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs.	122,686	245,371	332,663
Supporting early childhood education.	0	0	0
Other (please describe below)	0	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>609,226</b>	<b>1,326,327</b>	<b>1,511,320</b>

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

Not applicable