

**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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- 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	NA	NA	0
Reducing class sizes	All sections of K-2 to be at or below 20, and no elementary section greater than 24 students 3-5	The following online thoughexchange summarizes the community feedback: <a href="https://my.thoughtexchange.com/report/7c28178d358148058cf604ae1ac850de">https://my.thoughtexchange.com/report/7c28178d358148058cf604ae1ac850de</a>	1939122
Providing supports for students who are not meeting, or at risk of not meeting, state learning standards in core academic subject areas	12 FTE across core academic subject areas to provide additional support	The following online thoughexchange summarizes the community feedback: <a href="https://my.thoughtexchange.com/report/7c28178d358148058cf604ae1ac850de">https://my.thoughtexchange.com/report/7c28178d358148058cf604ae1ac850de</a>	2908683
Addressing student social-emotional health	NA	NA	0
Providing adequate resources to English language learners, students with disabilities, and students experiencing homelessness	NA	NA	0

- 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)

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)**

The district utilized a 30 day comment period in January for budget feedback from the community. It was clear that class size and academic improvement at the secondary level were the most important for the community. In addition, mental health was recommended by the community, but 17 FTE had been added to address that in the previous 2 budget cycles.

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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 district submitted a plan amendment in April to move budgeted salaries from the 16 Support Staff to 40 Purchased Services. Initially the district budgeted additional full time nurse positions to assist with COVID related testing. However, due to labor shortages, the district had to engage with a nursing service to perform those tasks. This is a technical change for more accurate reporting.

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

The district has not made any structural changes to the ARP plan.

**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's main program goal is to reduced class size across all grade levels. At the elementary level it is to maintain class sizes around 20 per K-2 and 22 3-5. At the secondary level, class sizes will be managed by allowing for more core content courses below contractual limits which vary by subject matter.	20:1 (when averaged across K-12)

**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 (\$)
The district is not adding any new programs, we are continuing with existing programs as planned.	0

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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.	200,000	200,000	0
Maximizing in-person instruction time.	0	0	0
Operating schools and meeting the needs of students.	0	262,500	262,500
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.	855,230	855,230	855,233
Implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs.	595,230	595,230	595,233
Offering evidence-based summer,			

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	2021-22 School Year (\$)	2022-23 School Year (\$)	2023-24 School Year (\$)
afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs.	0	0	0
Supporting early childhood education.	0	0	0
Other (please describe below)	0	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>1,650,460</b>	<b>1,912,960</b>	<b>1,712,966</b>

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

NA