

Information for Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) on American Rescue Plan (ARP)
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Plan
State Budget Language

The 2021-22 enacted state budget includes language requiring each LEA receiving federal ARP-ESSER funding to post on its website, on or before July 1, 2021, a plan by school year of how such funds will be expended and how the LEA will prioritize spending on non-recurring expenses in the following areas:

- x safely returning students to in-person instruction;
- x maximizing in-person instruction time;
- x operating schools and meeting the needs of students;
- x purchasing educational technology;
- x 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;
- x implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs;
- x offering evidence-based summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs; and
- x supporting early childhood education.

The budget language states that LEAs are to identify any programs utilizing such funding that are expected to continue beyond the availability of such federal funds and identify local funds that will be used to maintain such programs in order to minimize disruption to core academic and other school programs. Before posting such plan, the budget language states that the LEA is to seek public comment from parents, teachers and other stakeholders on the plan and to take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

The Department will not be developing a template or collecting the plans referenced in the state budget language.

Under separate cover, the Department will be sending LEAs information on meeting the LEA ARP-ESSER plan requirements under the ARP statute and the U.S. Department of Education's (USDE's) ARP