

LEA ARP ESSER Plan: "A Plan for the LEA's Use of ARP ESSER Funds"

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The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief ("ARP ESSER") Fund, authorized under the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") Act of 2021, provides New Hampshire over \$350 million to support schools in safely reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students resulting from the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic.

This mandatory template is intended to collect all federally required information from an LEA in a convenient format and to assist LEAs in meeting the federal requirement that, requirement that, an LEA shall publish an LEA ARP ESSER Plan, which is often called a "school district use of funds plan." See the Department of Education's most current guidance posted here: <https://omb.report/icer/202201-1810-002/doc/117519100>.

For further context, please reference ARPA (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/text>) or the Interim Final Requirements of ARP ESSER in which the U.S. Department of Education established these requirements (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-04-22/pdf/2021-08359.pdf>).

I. General Information

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| 1) School District / Charter School Name: | <u>Hinsdale</u> | → Cell C18 Must be Input for Formulas to Populate Correctly |
| 2) District ID Number: | <u>255</u> | → Autopopulates upon Selection |
| 3) SAU Number: | <u>92</u> | → Autopopulates upon Selection |
| 4) Date of Publication: | <u>8/20/2021</u> | |
| 5) Approver Name -
(Superintendent / Head of School): | <u>Wayne Woolridge</u> | |
| 6) Email & Telephone: | <u>wwoolridge@hmsd.org 603-336-5728</u> | |

II. Transparency and Accessibility

- 1) This plan for the LEA's Use of ARP ESSER funds was published and made publicly available online at the following specific web address:

Yes - Description Required

Description:

The plan was published and made publicly available online on 8/20/2021 at this web address: <http://www.hnhsd.org>

- 2) The plan is in an understandable and uniform format (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

Description:

Written clearly and consisely ; we used the template provided which is easily understandable.

- 3) The plan, to the extent practicable, is written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, orally translated (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

Description:

Plan was written clearly and consisely, using provided template. Plan was written in a language that others can understand with assurances that a translation or an alternate would be provided if needed.

- 4) The plan, upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability, is provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

Description:

Plan was written in a language that others can easily understand with assurances that an alternate format would be provided if requested or needed.

III. Stakeholder Engagement

Best Practices in Implementing ARP ESSER LEA Use of Funds Plan

- 1) How the LEA provided the public the opportunity to provide input in the development of the LEA's plan for the use of ARP ESSER funds:

Yes - Description Required

Description:

Time for input was provided at school board meetings: public input always welcome at school board meetings. Superintendent blog seeks ongoing input. Message seeking input was posted on the district website.

- 2) How the LEA took public input into account regarding the development of the LEA's plan for the use of ARP ESSER funds (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

Description:

All suggestions were considered and included on the list.

- 3) How the LEA engaged in meaningful consultation with specific stakeholders, including, but not limited to:
a. Students (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

1) Description:

Input was sought by asking public to send in thoughts (posted on district web site). Also, public input always welcome at school board meetings.

i) Number of total responses:

Limited

ii) Uses consulted on:

Citizen comment section at board meetings provided opportunity for input - each person asked individually

iii) Description of feedback received:

Varies - usually not much said - most seemed fine with the direction in which we are headed.

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: Input was sought by asking public (including students) to send in thoughts (posted on district web site). Also, public input always welcome at school board meetings.

3) Widely advertised and available:

Publicly posted on district website.

4) Ongoing:

Public input always welcome.

- b. Families (please choose one):

Somewhat - Description Required

1) Description: **Input was sought by asking public to send in thoughts (posted on district web site). Also, public input always welcome at school board meetings.**
Input was sought by asking public (including students) to send in thoughts (posted on district web site). Also, public input always welcome at school board meetings.

i) Number of total responses:

Limited - less than 10.

ii) Uses consulted on:

Interested in after school tutoring including transportation.

iii) Description of feedback received:

Very happy it was offered.

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: Input was sought by asking public to send in thoughts (posted on district web site). Also, public input always welcome at school board meetings.

3) Widely advertised and available:

Publicly posted on district website.

4) Ongoing:

Public input always welcome.

c. School and district administrators, including special education administrators (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

1) Description:

School and district administrators, including special education administrators were included right from the beginning. They worked together collaboratively to brainstorm and prioritize ideas.

*i) Number of total responses: Total collaborative effort - all input considered and included as possible with funds allotted
ii) Uses consulted on: All uses.
iii) Description of feedback received: All felt a part of the discussion.*

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: All were invited and involved.

3) Widely advertised and available: All administrators were invited to attend meetings for the purposes of discussion.

4) Ongoing: Use of funds continues to be on administrative team meeting agendas.

d. Teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and their unions (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

1) Description:

Principals are part of the administrative team and what was written regarding administrators goes for principals, too. Other educators and staff were always able to offer thoughts/input at school meeting and board meetings.

*i) Number of total responses: For Principals: total collaborative effort - all input considered and included as possible with funds allotted . Other educator/staff input always welcome.
ii) Uses consulted on: For Principals: all uses; other educators/staff - little contribution.
iii) Description of feedback received: For Principals - all felt part of discussion. For others: little contribution.*

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: All input was welcome.

3) Widely advertised and available: Posted on website and on school board agendas.

4) Ongoing: Input always welcome.

e. Tribes, if applicable (please choose one):

No

1) Description:

*i) Number of total responses: NA
ii) Uses consulted on: NA
iii) Description of feedback received: NA*

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: NA

3) Widely advertised and available: NA

4) Ongoing: NA

f. Civil rights organizations, including disability rights organizations (please check one):

Somewhat - Description Required

1) Description:

Public input always welcome from all groups including those in this question

- i) Number of total responses:** Not aware of any.
- ii) Uses consulted on:** N/A
- iii) Description of feedback received:** None received.

Please indicate how consultation was:

- 2) Inclusive:** No one excluded.
- 3) Widely advertised and available:** Publicly posted.
- 4) Ongoing:** Yes

g. Stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, children experiencing homelessness, children and youth in foster care, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

1) Description:

Special Ed administrators involved and included every step of the way. Behavioral Consulting Group suggested and included in grant application. Public input always welcome from all groups including those in this question.

- i) Number of total responses:** Special Ed Director offered much input that was included.
- ii) Uses consulted on:** Several.
- iii) Description of feedback received:** Ongoing positive feedback.

Please indicate how consultation was:

- 2) Inclusive:** No one excluded.
- 3) Widely advertised and available:** Posted on website.
- 4) Ongoing:** Yes

h. Community-based organizations, including partnerships to promote access to before and after-school programming (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

1) Description:

Public input always welcome from all groups including those in this question. Letter sent home to students in after school program .

- i) Number of total responses:** Several.
- ii) Uses consulted on:** After school tutoring.
- iii) Description of feedback received:** Positive feedback received.

Please indicate how consultation was:

- 2) Inclusive:** No one excluded.
- 3) Widely advertised and available:** Posted on website.
- 4) Ongoing:** Yes.

i. Early childhood education providers and families, including partnerships to ensure access to and continuity of care for families with children of different ages, particularly as they transition to school (please check one):

Somewhat - Description Required

1) Description:

Public input always welcome from all groups including those in this question

- i) Number of total responses:** Not aware of any.
- ii) Uses consulted on:** NA
- iii) Description of feedback received:** None received.

Please indicate how consultation was:

- 2) Inclusive:** No one excluded.
- 3) Widely advertised and available:** Posted on website.
- 4) Ongoing:** Yes.

IV. Supporting the Continuous and Safe Operation of In-Person Learning

- 1) The extent to which and how LEA ARP ESSER funds will be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with the most recent CDC guidance on reopening schools, in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning:

Note: Federal regulation on this plan requires such reporting, but does not require adoption of CDC safety recommendations. The NH DOE recognizes schools will implement localized safety measures based on the guidance provided by the CDC, NH Public Health, and local public health officials.

Description During SY 2021-2022:

Thus far, we have budgeted \$10,000. to be used for PPE supplies; and we also budgeted \$6000. plus \$459. for social security costs for a part time nurse to conduct COVID testing for the 21-22 school year.

V. Addressing the Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time (At least 20 percent of an LEA's Allocation)

- 1) How the LEA will identify individual student learning loss, including among students most likely to have experienced the impact of lost instructional time on student learning, such as:
- a. Students who did not consistently participate in remote instruction when offered during school building closures;
 - b. Students who have missed the most in-person instruction during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years; and
 - c. Students most at-risk of dropping out of school.

Description During SY 2021-2022:

We will use MAP and SAS and local diagnostic assessment data to identify student learning loss. PLC teams met to analyze assessment data and determine intervention groupings.

- 2) How the LEA will use the funds it reserves to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through:

Description During SY 2021-2022:

Summer learning opportunities (Summer School); after school tutoring(busing provided); hiring of interventionists, hiring of instructional coaches.

Description During SY 2022-2023:

After school tutoring with busing provided; hiring of interventionists; hiring of instructional coaches.

Description During SY 2023-2024:

Not yet determined.

- 3) How the LEA will use the funds it reserves to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through:
- a. Individualized tutoring, including providing stipends to teachers for intensive, supplemental tutoring (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

Description:

Teachers given stipends for providing after school tutoring; RBT training stipend; para after school tutoring paid stipends; ELO stipends

- b. Teacher-directed professional development, in which teachers choose the professional development opportunities best suited to their career pathway and current learner needs (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

Description:

Graduate courses offered on-site; pathways chosen by teachers; RBT training; Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment's chosen Graduate Program, PD money budgeted for positions paid for by this grant (Teachers select their own PD)

- 4) How the LEA will produce evidence of the effectiveness of evidence-based learning loss interventions employed:

Description:

LEA will share assessment data/results as evidence of effectiveness of interventions employed.

VI. Addressing Learner and Community Needs (Up to 80 percent of an LEA's Allocation)

- 1) After accounting for the funds reserved under section 2001(c)(1) of the ARP Act, how the LEA will spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with section 2001(c)(2) of the ARP Act (See Appendix A):

Description During SY 2021-2022:

SEL programming/consulting; ELO van driver/teacher stipends; library books and books for at home; Part time COVID grant manager; Part time COVID grant accountant

Description During SY 2022-2023:

SEL programming/consulting; ELO van driver/teacher stipends; Part time COVID grant manager; Part time COVID grant accountant

Description During SY 2023-2024:

SEL programming/consulting; ELO van driver; Part time COVID grant manager; Part time COVID grant accountant

- 2) After accounting for the funds reserved under section 2001(c)(1) of the ARP Act, how the LEA will spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with section 2001(c)(2) of the ARP Act (See Appendix A):

- a. Providing individualized instruction:

During SY 2021-2022 (select one): **Yes - Description Required**

During SY 2022-2023 (select one): **Yes - Description Required**

During SY 2023-2024 (select one): **Yes - Description Required**

Description of all SYs - 2021 to 2024:

21-22 Summer school; Intervention during the day; after school tutoring with bus transportation. 22-23: Intervention during the day; after school tutoring with bus transportation. 23-24: not yet determined

- b. Addressing educator fatigue, including providing performance-based bonuses to teachers:

During SY 2021-2022 (select one): **No**

During SY 2022-2023 (select one): **No**

During SY 2023-2024 (select one): **No**

Description of all SYs - 2021 to 2024:

N/A

- c. Improving family engagement:

During SY 2021-2022 (select one): **No**

During SY 2022-2023 (select one): **No**

During SY 2023-2024 (select one): **No**

Description of all SYs - 2021 to 2024:

N/A

- 3) The LEA's use of funds to address the following additional needs identified in the New Hampshire Department of Education's robust, statewide consultation with stakeholders:

- a. What amount and percentage of the LEA's total allocation will be administered under school leader discretion:

Amount: 1100124.49

Percentage: 57%

Description of allocation methodology including the extent to which it reflected student need for, at minimum, Special Education, Free and Reduced-Price Lunch, and English Language Learners:

all were considered as all referenced areas were discussed.

b. What amount and percentage of the LEA's total allocation will be used to support Career and Technical Education:

Amount: 147702.75

Percentage: 8%

Description, including funds used to support learner attainment of industry-recognized credentials:

ELO Stipends and related costs; van driver for ELO and related costs.

c. The extent to which funds will be used to provide access to course access opportunities, including advanced, elective, and remedial courses provided outside of the residential public school that a learner could not otherwise access:

During SYs 2021-2024 (select one): No

Description of all SYs - 2021 to 2024:

N/A

VII. Addressing the Unique Needs of All Learners

- 1) How the LEA will ensure that the interventions it implements will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.

Description:

MAP and SAS and teacher created performance assesment data will be utilized to determine which students need what interventions, and these will br provided. Contracted service providers will work with district educators to help them identify students with mental health needs, and offer guidance and monitoring regarding interventions provided. All student needs will be considered.

VIII. Addressing Unique Renovation, Air Quality and/or Construction Needs

- 1) If the LEA plans to use or has used any portion of ARP ESSER funds for construction projects, describe those projects below. Each project should be addressed separately. If needed, LEAs may submit additional supporting information. Please insert "N/A" if this category is not applicable to your plan. Please also note that these projects are subject to the NHDOE's prior conceptual and final approval:
[ESSER Funded Construction.](#)

Description:

NA

Specific Use Category <i>(Use: May Delete Current Selection Prior to Assigning Inputs)</i>	General Use Category <i>(May Select Some General Use Categories in Multiple Rows Depending upon Specific Uses; May Delete Current Selection Prior to Assigning Inputs)</i>	Quantifiable Measurement of Expected Outcomes Resulting from Use <i>(Multiple Selections Per Use May Be Selected by Cell; To Clear Selection, Highlight Cell and Enter "Delete")</i>	Learning Loss - VIN <i>(At Least 20% of an LEA's Total Allocation Annually Required)</i>	Detailed Use Description <i>(Written Description, Including "Other" Responses (Columns A and C) and Vendor if Applicable)</i>	Implementation Timeline - Please Select All that Apply				Budgeted To Date Per Use	Spent Through 12/31/21 Per Use	Total ARP ESSER Allocation (as of 8/31/2022)	Total ARP ESSER Allocation Unbudgeted To Date (as of 8/31/2022)
					SY 2020-2021	SY 2021-2022	SY 2022-2023	SY 2023-2024				
Other Allowed Uses - Specify in Detailed Use Description	Other Allowed Uses	% Proficient in ELA Assessment, % Proficient in Math Assessment, Incidences of Bullying and Harassment	Yes - Description Required	A and C: After School Para Stipend + MIS Behavior support position of Bully and Harassment	No	Yes	Yes	No	\$ 71,684.14	\$ -	\$ 1,929,462.22	\$ 424,641.14
Hiring and Retention- Instructional Staff	Meeting Students' Academic Needs	% Proficient in ELA Assessment, % Proficient in Math Assessment	Yes - Description Required	Teacher Salaries + related cost (interventions, reading and ELA coaches, ELD stipends, Afterschool tutoring teachers)	No	Yes	Yes	No	\$ 403,139.05	\$ 98,563.13		
Other Allowed Uses - Specify in Detailed Use Description	Operational Continuity	Other-Please Specify in Detailed Use Description	No	Project Mgr. Salary + Related cost	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$ 41,983.50	\$ 6,553.09		
Other Allowed Uses - Specify in Detailed Use Description	Operational Continuity	Other-Please Specify in Detailed Use Description	No	Grant Accountant salary + Related cost	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$ 41,983.50	\$ 1,699.37		
Extended Instruction Time (School Day, Week and/or Year)	Operational Continuity	% Proficient in Math Assessment, % Proficient in ELA Assessment	Yes - Description Required	Van Driver Salary + Related Cost	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$ 74,278.50	\$ 3,472.25		
Physical Health and Safety	Addressing Physical Health and Safety - Please Specify in Detailed Use Description	Other-Please Specify in Detailed Use Description	No	COVID Nurse salary + Related cost	No	Yes	No	No	\$ 6,459.00	\$ -		
Other Allowed Uses - Specify in Detailed Use Description	Meeting Students' Social, Emotional and Other Needs	Rate of Suspension (Including In-School Suspensions and Expulsions), Average Daily Attendance, Incidences of Bullying and Harassment	Yes - Description Required	Behavioral Consulting	No	Yes	Yes	No	\$ 309,420.00	\$ 38,608.75		
Teacher Stipends for Additional Instruction	Meeting Students' Mental Health Needs	Incidences of Bullying and Harassment	No	Registered Behavior Technician training stipend and related cost	No	Yes	Yes	No	\$ 4,306.00	\$ 893.21		
Physical Health and Safety	Addressing Physical Health and Safety - Please Specify in Detailed Use Description	Health and Safety Measurement - Specify in Detailed Use Description	No	Pantheon	No	Yes	No	No	\$ 18,425.55	\$ 17,955.00		
Instructional/Quality Professional Development	Other Allowed Uses	Teacher Retention	No	Kent State College-Master Program + program supplies + PD opportunities for ESSER funded sessions + NHLE	No	Yes	Yes	No	\$ 104,530.00	\$ 16,474.43		
Physical Health and Safety	Meeting Students' Social, Emotional and Other Needs	Health and Safety Measurement - Specify in Detailed Use Description	No	New Hampshire Dance Institute	No	Yes	No	No	\$ 8,339.20	\$ 4,792.80		
After-school/Out-of-school Learning and Enrichment	Operational Continuity	Other-Please Specify in Detailed Use Description, % Proficient in ELA Assessment, % Proficient in Math Assessment, % Proficient in Science Assessment	Yes - Description Required	After-school Transportation	No	Yes	Yes	No	\$ 26,704.80	\$ -		
Student Reengagement	Meeting Students' Social, Emotional and Other Needs	Incidences of Bullying and Harassment, Other-Please Specify in Detailed Use Description	Yes - Description Required	SEL Materials, Stipends + Related Cost	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$ 18,053.56	\$ -		
Internet Connectivity	Operational Continuity	Other-Please Specify in Detailed Use Description, % Proficient in ELA Assessment, % Proficient in Math Assessment, % Proficient in Science Assessment	Yes - Description Required	Network Upgrades	No	Yes	No	No	\$ 38,400.00			
After-school/Out-of-school Learning and Enrichment	Meeting Students' Academic Needs	% Proficient in ELA Assessment, % Proficient in Math Assessment, % Proficient in Science Assessment, 4-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate, College and Career Readiness	Yes - Description Required	Books and other printed media	No	Yes	Yes	No	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 1,672.38		
Teacher-Selected Professional Development	Other Allowed Uses	Other-Please Specify in Detailed Use Description, Teacher Retention	No	PD stipend Teachers + Para + Related Cost	No	No	Yes	No	\$ 5,714.51	\$ -		
Student Reengagement	Meeting Students' Social, Emotional and Other Needs	Incidences of Bullying and Harassment, Other-Please Specify in Detailed Use Description, Rate of Suspension (Including In-School Suspensions and Expulsions), % Participating in ELA Assessment, % Participating in Math Assessment, % Participating in Science Assessment	Yes - Description Required	SEL professional Services	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 10,500.00		
Other Allowed Uses - Specify in Detailed Use Description	Other Allowed Uses	Other-Please Specify in Detailed Use Description, Teacher Retention	No	Master Program for CIA	No	Yes	Yes	No	\$ 10,700.00	\$ -		
Physical Health and Safety	Addressing Physical Health and Safety - Please Specify in Detailed Use Description	Health and Safety Measurement - Specify in Detailed Use Description	No	PPE	No	Yes	Yes	No	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -		

Baseline Data SY 2020 to 2021 - For Reference Purposes Only									
LEA Enrollment (Fiscal Year 2021 Data Provided)	% Participation - Math Assessment	% Participation - Science Assessment	% Participation - ELA Assessment	Average Daily Attendance	4-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate	In-School Suspensions	Expulsions	Instances of Bullying / Harassment	
531	93	91	92	95%	0%	14	0	17	

X. Authorization

**Please print and sign this page. Return a signed version with your completed packet to :*

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3-8-2022

Approver Signature - Superintendent / Head of School

Date

Wayne Woolridge

Printed Name - Superintendent / Head of School

Appendix A. ARPA Statutory Excerpt

(e) USES OF FUNDS.—A local educational agency that receives funds under this section—

(1) shall reserve not less than 20 percent of such funds 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 the student subgroups described in section 1111(b)(2)(B)(xi) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(B)(xi)), students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care; and

(2) shall use the remaining funds for any of the following:

(A) Any activity authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

(B) Any activity authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

(C) Any activity authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act.

(D) Any activity authorized by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.

(E) Coordination of preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments, and other relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

(F) Activities to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population.

(G) Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies.

(H) Training and professional development for staff of the local educational agency on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.

(I) Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of a local educational agency, including buildings operated by such agency.

(J) Planning for, coordinating, and implementing activities during long-term closures, including providing meals to eligible students, providing technology for online learning to all students, providing guidance for carrying out requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and ensuring other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements.

(K) Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the local educational agency that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including low-income students and children with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment.

(L) Providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence-based full-service community schools.

(M) Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of low-income students, children with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care.

(N) Addressing learning loss among students, including low-income students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care, of the local educational agency, including by—

(i) administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable, to accurately assess students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiating instruction;

(ii) implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students;

(iii) providing information and assistance to parents and families on how they can effectively support students, including in a distance learning environment; and

(iv) tracking student attendance and improving student engagement in distance education.

(O) School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.

(P) Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door repair and replacement.

(Q) Developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff.

(R) Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff of the local educational agency.

Appendix B. Interim Final Requirements of ARP ESSER Excerpt

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(2) LEA ARP ESSER Plan.

(a) Each LEA that receives ARP ESSER funds must submit to the SEA, in such manner and within a reasonable timeline as determined by the SEA, a plan that contains any information reasonably required by the SEA. The plan, and any revisions to the plan submitted consistent with procedures established by the SEA, must describe—

(i) The extent to which and how the funds will be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with the most recent CDC guidance on reopening schools, in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;

(ii) How the LEA will use the funds it reserves under section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs;

(iii) How the LEA will spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with section 2001(e) of the ARP Act; and

(iv) How the LEA will ensure that the interventions it implements, including but not limited to the interventions under section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.

(b) In developing its ARP ESSER plan, an LEA must—

(i) Engage in meaningful consultation—

(A) With stakeholders, including: Students; families; school and district administrators (including special education administrators); and teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and their unions; and

(B) To the extent present in or served by the LEA: Tribes; civil rights organizations (including disability rights organizations); and stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, children experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students; and

(ii) Provide the public the opportunity to provide input and take such input into account.

(c) An LEA's ARP ESSER plan must be—

(i) In an understandable and uniform format;

(ii) To the extent practicable, written in a language that parents can understand or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, be orally translated for such parent;

(iii) Upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent; and

(iv) Be made publicly available on the LEA's website.