

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, 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/202201-1810-002/doc/117519100>.

For further context, please reference ARPA (<https://www.congress.gov/bills/117/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

- 1) School District / Charter School Name: Stratford → Cell C18 Must be Input for Formulas to Populate Correctly
- 2) District ID Number: 509 → Autopopulates upon Selection
- 3) SAU Number: 58 → Autopopulates upon Selection
- 4) Date of Publication: August 16, 2021 January 31, 2022
- 5) Approver Name - (Superintendent / Head of School): Dr. Ronna F. Cadarette
- 6) Email & Telephone: r.cadarette@sau58.org 603-636-1437 603-344-2725

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:

www.sau58.org and <https://www.sau58.org/Page/3146>

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

Yes - Description Required

Description:

Translation available upon request.

- 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:

Translation available upon request; We do not have an ESOL population.

- 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:

Available upon request.

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:

Provided a survey, telephone number, and email for pinput. It is a sitting agenda item for Board meetings for the past two years with our plan for Use of Funds, and reflected in Board minutes, all posted on our 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:

Survey and information available for all stakeholders should they choose to participate. Active participation in Rotary and community wrap-around groups when they are offered. Invited various constituents to be part of our Back to School Planning. Select Board member and Town Management representation at Board meetings as well as collective bargaining members. Held special school meeting/hearing for use of additional adequacy funds with discuss on the grants as well.

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

Somewhat - Description Required

1) Description:

Survey and information available for all stake holders should they choose to participate.

i) Number of total responses: 36

ii) Uses consulted on: All

iii) Description of feedback received: Masking comments and a desire to keep everyone safe.

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: *We posted and advertised it everywhere we could to include social media, websites, postings, etc.*

3) Widely advertised and available: *Yes, as stated above.*

4) Ongoing: *Yes, part of agendas monthly.*

- b. Families (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

1) Description:

Survey and information available for all participants should they choose to participate. Sent via email, social media, on websites, and posted. On school board agendas.

i) Number of total responses: 69

ii) Uses consulted on: All

iii) Description of feedback received: Strong desire for students to be in school in person; mixed on masking.

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: *We posted and advertised it everywhere we could to include social media, websites, postings, etc.*

3) Widely advertised and available: *Yes, as previously stated.*

4) Ongoing: *Yes, part of monthly agendas.*

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

Yes - Description Required

1) Description:

Survey and information available for all participants should they choose to participate. Sent via email, One Call, social media, on websites, and posted. On school board and administrative team agenda which includes the Director of Student Services.

i) Number of total responses: 6

ii) Uses consulted on: All

iii) Description of feedback received: No comments.

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: *Sent directly to individual emails and part of bi-monthly agendas.*

3) Widely advertised and available: *Yes on sau58 website and social media pages.*

4) Ongoing: *Part of monthly agendas.*

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

Yes - Description Required

1) Description:

Survey and information available for all participants should they choose to participate. Sent via email, One Call, social media, on websites, and posted. On school board and administrative team agenda which includes the Director of Student Services.

i) Number of total responses: 32

ii) Uses consulted on: All

iii) Description of feedback received: Desire to have students safely in person. No comments on Use of Funds.

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: *We reached out to as many stakeholders as possible.*

3) Widely advertised and available: *We used all of our usual advertising sources and our social media, website, and push notifications.*

4) Ongoing: *Part of monthly agendas.*

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

No

1) Description:

Not applicable.

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: *Same as above.*

4) Ongoing: *Part of monthly agendas.*

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

Somewhat - Description Required

1) Description:

Survey and information posted and available for all stakeholders if they choose to participate.

i) Number of total responses: No known responses in this category.

ii) Uses consulted on: All

iii) Description of feedback received: No known responses in this category.

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: *Open to anyone and everyone.*

3) Widely advertised and available: *Yes - same as above.*

4) Ongoing: *Part of monthly agendas.*

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:

We included all groups that wanted to participate. We do not have individuals in these categories in Stratford at this time.

i) Number of total responses: NA

ii) Uses consulted on: NA

iii) Description of feedback received: NA

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: *Open to anyone and everyone.*

3) Widely advertised and available: *Yes same as above.*

4) Ongoing: *Part of monthly agendas.*

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

Yes - Description Required

1) Description:

We do not have any of these organizations in our town.

i) Number of total responses: NA

ii) Uses consulted on: NA

iii) Description of feedback received: NA

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: *Open to anyone and everyone.*

3) Widely advertised and available: *Yes same as above.*

4) Ongoing: *Part of monthly agendas.*

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):

Yes - Description Required

1) Description:

Survey information posted and available for all stakeholders; we have no child care centers in this town.

i) Number of total responses: NA

ii) Uses consulted on: All

iii) Description of feedback received: NA

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: *Open to anyone and everyone.*

3) Widely advertised and available: *Yes as above.*

4) Ongoing: *Part of monthly agendas.*

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:

We have been fully in person for the last two years and plan to continue to do so; purchased technology to support those who must be remote; upgraded buildings for safety measures; sanitization and PPE supplies; additional staff for services, class size reduction and social and emotional support; continued layers of mitigation.

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 were in school five days a week all year. Extended school year, summer learning options, learning center, compensatory education as applicable.

- 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:

Addition of a paraprofessional for student learning support and increased direct instruction based on student performance data; reduced class sizes, additional guidance support, summer school, ESY, Title I and tutoring as identified needs, offered compensatory education services; additional wellness and classroom teacher to reduce class size.

Description During SY 2022-2023:

data-based summer/vacation/ESY/after school year extended learning opportunities; additional staff to reduce class sizes; expanded guidance; direct instruction; technology integration.

Description During SY 2023-2024:

data-based summer/vacation/ESY/after school year extended learning opportunities; additional staff to reduce class sizes; expanded guidance; direct instruction; technology integration.

- 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):

No

Description:

We have met these needs during the day at this time; we did not provide intensive tutoring based on lack of need. We have been in person with low COVID rates.

- 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:

We have offered SEL support and workshop training throughout the year, but they have not been paid for by USE of FUNDS. We have chosen to use funds to directly impact students. Using Title II and operating budget for teaching career pathway support.

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

Description:

We will review our assessment and accountability ESSA data from previous years, discipline files/referrals and compare each year to evaluate improvement; teachers have conducted a SWOT analysis; teachers use progress monitoring data for programs such as Title I; Fountas and Pinnell; and Star360.

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(e)(1) of the ARP Act, how the LEA will spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act (See Appendix A):

Description During SY 2021-2022:

N/A

Description During SY 2022-2023:

30% Health and Wellness Teacher and an additional FT Elementary School Teacher; At this time we have also budgeted for Ring Central and wifi, sanitization/air quality and food service supplies; replacement windows and doors.

Description During SY 2023-2024:

Anticipated 30% Health and Wellness Teacher and an additional FT Elementary School Teacher; At this time we have also budgeted for Ring Central and wifi, sanitization/air quality and food service supplies; replacement windows and doors; computers; textbooks.

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

- a. Providing individualized instruction:

During SY 2021-2022 (select one):

During SY 2022-2023 (select one):

During SY 2023-2024 (select one):

Description of all SYs - 2021 to 2024:

This will be part of the time for the two additional positions of Health and Wellness and an Elementary School Teacher; we are addressing the social and emotional needs of students as impacted by the pandemic. We have Ring Central for teachers and staff to communicate with families through our school devices as to not use personal devices;wifi access is provided for those who do not have it otherwise; sanitization and air quality remain a concern so we require air filters and cafeteria supplies for cohorts to eat in separate location as a layer of mitigation; We are replacing windows and doors as need for those that do not work properly. We will replace technology as needed due to wear and tear during quarantine and isolation; additional textbooks will be provided to mitigate student contact and exposure.

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

During SY 2021-2022 (select one):

During SY 2022-2023 (select one):

During SY 2023-2024 (select one):

Description of all SYs - 2021 to 2024:

This will be part of the time for the two additional positions of Health and Wellness and an Elementary School Teacher; we are addressing the social and emotional needs of students as impacted by the pandemic. We have Ring Central for teachers and staff to communicate with families through our school devices as to not use personal devices;wifi access is provided for those who do not have it otherwise; sanitization and air quality remain a concern so we require air filters and cafeteria supplies for cohorts to eat in separate location as a layer of mitigation; We are replacing windows and doors as need for those that do not work properly. We will replace technology as needed due to wear and tear during quarantine and isolation; additional textbooks will be provided to mitigate student contact and exposure.

- c. Improving family engagement:

During SY 2021-2022 (select one):

During SY 2022-2023 (select one):

During SY 2023-2024 (select one):

Description of all SYs - 2021 to 2024:

We have been in person and welcomed the community into our schools. We do not have plans to use funds for this at this time.

- 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:

Percentage:

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:

We took into consideration student need special education and F/R lunch. We are considerably under this at F/R is 58% and are a Community Eligibility Provision school.

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

Amount: 0

Percentage: 0

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

N/A. We do not have a CTE program in-house. We send students to CTE centers in Littleton and White Mountain Regional School Districts.

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:

We have an adult education program and offer on-line courses and support through VLACS and Edgenuity for competency attainment.

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:

We have been in person 5 days a week. We have added counseling support as needed and expanded time. We monitor student progress in the subcategories applicable; we added a special education teacher and data indicated need. This district has always been all F/R lunch designated; there are no ELL or homeless or migratory.

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:

Replacement and repair of doors and windows for air quality and safety mitigation. There were some that wouldn't open properly, would not stay open, wood was rotting, and doors that would not properly close or were rotting and rusting.

X. Authorization

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

ESSER@doe.nh.gov



2/7/2022

Approver Signature - Superintendent / Head of School

Date

Ronna F. Cadarette

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, 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.