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SUMMARY

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Under section 2001(d)(2) of ARP Act of 2021, each State Educational Agency (SEA) must make ARP-ESSER allocations to LEAs in an expedited and timely manner and, to the extent practicable, not later than 60 days after the SEA receives its ARP-ESSER funds. The first portion of ARP-ESSER Funds was awarded to states on March 24, 2021, and 60 days from that day is May 24, 2021. The U.S. Department of Education (USDE) has taken the position that an SEA makes allocations when it authorizes the LEA to begin to obligate funds in accordance with its needs. To enable New York State's LEAs to begin to obligate ARP-ESSER funds by USDE's May 24, 2021 deadline, the application for LEA 90% base ARP-ESSER allocations will be administered by NYSED as a two-part application process:

- ARP-ESSER Application – Part 1: The first step is for each LEA to submit signed assurances to NYSED by no later than **May 24, 2021**. Upon receipt of signed LEA assurances, NYSED will provide an email notice to the LEA of substantially approvable application status. Upon receipt of such notice, LEAs may begin obligating their allocation of 90% base ARP-ESSER funds.
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The ARP Act requires LEAs to reserve at least 20% of their 90% ARP-ESSER allocation 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 economically disadvantaged students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care. For your information, the minimum 20% reservation for each LEA may be found [HERE](#).

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The ARP-ESSER Application: Part 1 is due by **May 24, 2021**.

OBLIGATION OF FUNDS:

Upon receipt of the assurances detailed in ARP-ESSER Application: Part 1, NYSED will generate a determination of a substantially approvable application status consistent with 34 CFR §76.708 of Uniform Grants Guidance (UGG) which provides specific regulations regarding when subgrantees may begin to obligate funds (UGG states that subgrantees may not obligate funds until the date that the applicant submits its application to the State in substantially approvable form for formulaic grants). Those LEAs that do submit signed assurances to NYSED by May 24, 2021 will be able to start obligating ARP-ESSER funds upon receipt of the notice from NYSED of substantial application approval.

ALLOWABLE USES OF ARP-ESSER FUNDS

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USDE has published a fact sheet comparing the ESSER 1 fund under the CARES Act, the ESSER 2 fund under the CRRSA Act, and the ARP-ESSER fund, which is available at: https://oese.ed.gov/files/2021/03/FINAL_ARP-ESSER-FACT-SHEET.pdf.

On April 21, 2021, USDE issued Interim Final Requirements (IFR) that include examples of ways in which an LEA may use its ARP-ESSER funds for a wide variety of activities related to educating students during the COVID-19 pandemic and addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students and educators. USDE's IFR also references the ARP statutory requirement that an LEA receiving ARP ESSER funds must reserve at least 20 percent of the funds to measure and address the academic impact of lost instructional time on all students through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, including but not limited to interventions implemented through summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs. Moreover, USDE's IFR states that the LEA must also ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs and address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on groups of students disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

USDE has indicated that additional guidance on allowable uses of ARP-ESSER funds will be forthcoming. NYSED will ensure all LEAs are provided such guidance upon receipt.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR LEA ALLOCATIONS OF ARP-ESSER SEA RESERVE FUNDS

The federal ARP statute requires SEAs to reserve:

- not less than 5 percent of the total amount of grant funds awarded to the State (\$449.4 million) to carry out activities to address the impact of lost instructional time by supporting the implementation of evidence-based interventions;
- not less than 1 percent (\$89.9 million) to carry out the implementation of evidence-based summer enrichment programs; and
- not less than 1 percent to carry out the implementation of evidence-based comprehensive afterschool programs.

The 2021-22 enacted state budget directs that these required SEA set-asides be allocated as grants to specified school districts. Each eligible district's allocation of SEA reserve funds may be found [HERE](#). NYSED will inform school districts under separate cover when the application process for school district allocations of ARP-ESSER SEA set-aside funds has been published in the SED Monitoring and Vendor Reporting System.

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American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - Assurances

1. The LEA assures that ESSER funds are used for activities allowable under section 2001(e) of the ARP Act, 18003(d) of the CARES Act and 313(d) of the CRRSA Act.

YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.

2. The LEA assures that it will comply with all reporting requirements at such time and in such manner and containing such information as the Commissioner may reasonably require, including on matters such as but not limited to:

1. data on each school's mode of instruction (remote, hybrid, in-person), including student attendance data (disaggregated by student subgroup) for each modality;
2. LEA uses of funds to meet students' social, emotional, and academic needs, including through summer enrichment programming and other evidence-based interventions, and how they advance equity for underserved students;
3. LEA uses of funds to sustain and support access to early childhood education programs;
4. impacts and outcomes (disaggregated by student subgroup) through use of ARP ESSER funding (e.g., quantitative and qualitative results of ARP ESSER funding, including on personnel, student learning, and budgeting at the school and district level);
5. student data (disaggregated by student subgroup) related to how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected instruction and learning;
6. requirements under the Federal Financial Accountability Transparency Act (FFATA); and
7. additional reporting requirements as may be necessary to ensure accountability and transparency of ARP ESSER funds.

YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.

3. The LEA assures that records pertaining to the ARP ESSER award under 2 C.F.R. § 200.334 and 34 C.F.R. §76.730, including financial records related to use of grant funds, will be retained separately from other grant funds, including but not limited to funds that an LEA receives under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA Act).

YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.

4. The LEA assures that the LEA will cooperate with any examination of records with respect to such funds by making records available for inspection, production, and examination, and authorized individuals available for interview and examination, upon the request of (i) the Department and/or its Inspector General; or (ii) any other federal agency, commission, or department in the lawful exercise of its jurisdiction and authority.

YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.

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5. The LEA assures that the LEA will comply with all applicable assurances in OMB Standard Forms 424B and D (Assurances for Non-Construction and Construction Programs), including the assurances relating to the legal authority to apply for assistance; access to records; conflict of interest; merit systems; nondiscrimination; Hatch Act provisions; labor standards; flood hazards; historic preservation; protection of human subjects; animal welfare; lead-based paint; Single Audit Act; and the general agreement to comply with all applicable Federal laws, executive orders and regulations.
- YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.
6. The LEA assures that the LEA will have on file with the SEA a set of assurances that meets the requirements of section 442 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232e).
- YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.
7. The LEA assures that the LEA will comply with the requirements of section 427 of GEPA (20 U.S.C. 1228a). The description must include information on the steps the LEA proposes to take to permit students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries to overcome barriers (including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability, and age) that impede equal access to, or participation in, the program.
- YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.
8. The LEA assures that the LEA is using ARP ESSER funds for purposes that are reasonable, necessary, and allocable under the ARP.
- YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.
9. The LEA assures that the LEA will comply with the provisions of all applicable acts, regulations and assurances; the following provisions of Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) 34 CFR parts 76, 77, 81, 82, 84, 97, 98, and 99; the OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485; and the Uniform Guidance in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 34.
- YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.
10. The LEA assures that federal grant recipients, sub recipients and their grant personnel are prohibited from text messaging while driving a government owned vehicle, or while driving their own privately owned vehicle during official grant business, or from using government supplied electronic equipment to text message or email when driving as per Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," October 1, 2009.
- YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.
11. The LEA assures that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making or renewal of Federal grants under this program.
- YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.

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12. The LEA assures that:

1. the LEA will administer each program covered by the application in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications;
2. control of funds provided to the LEA under each program, and title to property acquired with those funds, will be in a public agency and that a public agency will administer those funds and property;
3. the LEA will use fiscal control and fund accounting procedures that will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid to that agency under each program;
4. the LEA will make reports to the State agency or board and to the Secretary as may reasonably be necessary to enable the State agency or board and the Secretary to perform their duties and that the local educational agency will maintain such records, including the records required under section 1232f of this title, and provide access to those records, as the State agency or board or the Secretary deem necessary to perform their duties; and
5. the LEA will provide reasonable opportunities for the participation by teachers, parents, and other interested agencies, organizations, and individuals in the planning for and operation of each program.

YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.

13. The LEA assures that:

1. any application, evaluation, periodic program plan or report relating to each program will be made readily available to parents and other members of the general public;
2. in the case of any project involving construction—(A) the project is not inconsistent with overall State plans for the construction of school facilities, and (B) in developing plans for construction, due consideration will be given to excellence of architecture and design and to compliance with standards prescribed by the Secretary under section 794 of title 29 in order to ensure that facilities constructed with the use of Federal funds are accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities;
3. the local educational agency has adopted effective procedures for acquiring and disseminating to teachers and administrators participating in each program significant information from educational research, demonstrations, and similar projects, and for adopting, where appropriate, promising educational practices developed through such projects; and
4. none of the funds expended under any applicable program will be used to acquire equipment (including computer software) in any instance in which such acquisition results in a direct financial benefit to any organization representing the interests of the purchasing entity or its employees or any affiliate of such an organization.

YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.

14. The LEA assures that the LEA will comply with the maintenance of equity provision in section 2004(c) of the ARP.

YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.

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- 15. The LEA assures the LEA will reserve not less than 20 percent of its total ARP ESSER allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, extended school year programs, or other evidence-based interventions, and ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, children from low-income families, children with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care).

YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.

- 16. The LEA assures that the LEA will develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website, not later than 30 days after receiving ARP ESSER funds, a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services for all schools, including those that have already returned to in-person instruction. As part of this process, consistent with Section 2001(i)(2) of the ARP Act, the LEA seek public comment on the plan and take those comments into account in the development of the plan. Per section 2001(i)(3) of the ARP Act, an LEA that developed a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services prior to the date of enactment of the ARP Act will be deemed to have met the requirement to develop a plan under section 2001(i)(1) as long as the plan meets the statutory requirements (i.e., is publicly available on the LEA's website and was developed after the LEA sought and took into account public comment).

YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.

- 17. **The LEA assures that the LEA will include in its application to the Department for ARP-ESSER funds a plan, in a format prescribed by the Commissioner, that describes 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.**

YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.

- 18. **The LEA assures that the LEA will include in its application to the Department for ARP-ESSER funds a plan, in a format prescribed by the Commissioner, that describes 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.**

YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.

- 19. **The LEA assures that the LEA will include in its application to the Department for ARP-ESSER funds a plan, in a format prescribed by the Commissioner, that describes how the LEA will spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act.**

YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.

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20. The LEA assures that the LEA will include in its application to the Department for ARP-ESSER funds a plan, in a format prescribed by the Commissioner, that describes how the LEA will ensure that the interventions it implements, including but not limited to the interventions implemented 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.

YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.

21. The LEA assures that the LEA will engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and give the public an opportunity to provide input in the development of the plan referenced above in Assurances #17-20. Specifically, an LEA will engage in meaningful consultation with students; families; school and district administrators (including special education administrators); and teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and their unions. Additionally, an LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with each of the following, 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.

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22. The LEA assures that its LEA ARP ESSER plan will be: in an understandable and uniform format; to the extent practicable, written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable, orally translated; and, upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability, provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent.

YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.

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Project Period

March 13, 2020 to September 30, 2024 to obligate funds. Funds must be fully liquidated by October 31, 2024.

Project Number

The project number stem for the program is:

ESSER: 5880 - 21 - XXXX

This number should be used on the appropriate FS-10 budget form.

Submission Deadline

Completed applications are due by **August 31, 2021** (with extensions by request), and will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

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Please note that applications must be submitted and fully approved by no later than March 23, 2022. LEAs that have not been issued a Grant Award Notice by that time will be at risk of having their ARP-ESSER allocation returned to the United States Department of Education.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR LEA ALLOCATIONS OF ARP-ESSER SEA RESERVE FUNDS

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Directions for Submitting the Application:

- The online application may only be submitted/certified by the chief school officer of the applicant LEA. The designated superintendent (public school LEAs), and 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 general application materials to the Department.

- LEAs ARE REQUIRED to send signed originals and two hard copies of each FS-10 Budget Form to:

Office of ESSA-Funded Programs - Rm 320 EB

RE: ARP-ESSER Application – Part 2

New York State Education Department

89 Washington Avenue

Albany, NY 12234.

Deadline for Submitting the Applications:

- The ARP-ESSER Application – Part 2 is due by August 31, 2021.

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ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Allocation - Intent to Apply

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- 1. **Does the LEA intend to apply for American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) LEA Base 90% funding?**

Yes, the LEA intends to apply for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding.

- 2. **Please provide contact information for the LEA Business Official and Board President. Please confirm that each individual has reviewed and approved of the application, including all plan descriptions and use of funds.**

	Name	Email Address	Date of Final Review/ Approval
LEA Business Official	Mary Mandel	mmandel@nhart.org	10/25/21
LEA Board President	Pamela King	pking@board.nhart.org	10/25/21

ARP-ESSER Allocation - Construction-Related Costs

- 3. **Does the LEA intend to use American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) LEA Base 90% funding for construction-related expenditures?**

No, the LEA does not intend to use American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding for construction-related expenditures.

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Title VIII of Division B of the CARES Act directs the Department to carry out the Education Stabilization Fund, of which the ARP ESSER funds are a part. Section 2001 of the ARP Act provides for the Department to make grants to each SEA from the ARP ESSER funds. An SEA must allocate at least 90 percent of its ARP ESSER grant funds to its LEAs (including charter schools that are LEAs) in the State in the same proportion that the LEAs received under part A of title I of the ESEA in Fiscal Year 2020, as required by section 2001(d)(1) of the ARP Act; and section 2001(e) of the ARP Act prescribes certain mandatory and permissive uses of LEAs' funds. Under 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3, the Secretary has the authority to promulgate rules governing the programs administered by the Department. Under this requirement, each LEA that receives ARP ESSER funds must develop, submit to the SEA on a reasonable timeline determined by the SEA, and make publicly available on the LEA's website, a plan for the LEA's use of ARP ESSER funds. The plan - known as the LEA ARP ESSER Plan - and any revisions to the plan submitted consistent with procedures established by the SEA, must include a description of key activities which are required below.

NYSED will consider each LEA's application for its base 90% ARP-ESSER allocation as meeting the USDE LEA ARP-ESSER use of funds plan requirement, provided the required elements of the plan are fully addressed in the LEA's application, combined with a budget, and then publicly posted after being developed with public input.

An LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and give the public an opportunity to provide input in the development of its plan. Specifically, an LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with students; families; school and district administrators (including special education administrators); and teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and their unions. Additionally, an LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with each of the following, 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.

Each LEA's ARP ESSER plan must be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, written in a language that parents can understand (or, if not practicable, orally translated). Upon request by a parent with a disability, LEA plans must be provided in an alternative format accessible to the parent.

- 1. In the space provided below, please describe how the LEA meaningfully engaged a diverse and representative set of the applicable stakeholders in developing a plan to use these funds and implementing that plan.**

Numerous discussions with School Administration, Board of Education public meetings, Teachers and regional Advisors/Colleagues.

- 2. In the space provided below, please provide the URL for the website(s) where the LEA ARP-ESSER Plan is/will be publicly posted. For an LEA that does not have a website, the LEA may identify an online platform (e.g. social media group or post, file sharing service, email listserv) that allows plans to be directly communicated to students, parents or legal guardians, school staff, and other stakeholders. As appropriate, the LEA should provide details about how the plan will be made available to people who request it.**

The Plan is posted on the District website at the following link:

<https://www.newhartfordschools.org/Page/7025>

It is also available upon request by contacting the District Clerk at 315-624-1218.

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3. In the space provided below, please describe 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.

https://www.newhartfordschools.org/cms/lib/NY01913833/Centricity/Domain/25/NewHartford_ReOpeningPlan_Sept2021.pdf

The District plans to utilize the new Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) grants and new State Foundation Aid as follows:

- Provide summer school in 2021-2022 for students entering Kindergarten- Grade 12 to address student performance needs;
- Provide support for students who are not meeting state learning standards in core subject areas and credit recovery;
- Provide an additional school psychologist, extra social worker support, nurse, instructional coach, and instructional curriculum development training to implement strategies to meet students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs;
- Purchase educational technology for all students to aid in educational interaction between students and their classroom teachers;
- Enhance educational technology District wide;
- Accelerate and enhance curriculum cycle materials;
- Resources to address needs in each building;
- Replenish district funds utilized to address the unanticipated emergency needs resulting from the coronavirus pandemic to effectively maintain the health and safety of students and employees.

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4. In the space provided below, please describe the data that the LEA will use to identify student needs and monitor student progress as a result of planned interventions and supports.

Our District will utilize the following data to identify student needs and monitor student progress through interventions and supports:

The Next Step Guided Reading Assessment (NSGRA) is given to students three times per year. The assessment determines the students reading level and establishes the next steps for teachers to target during the guided reading groups. This assessment is given as a progress monitor for student growth. The data is utilized to determine the appropriate interventions used to address deficiencies due to lost instructional time.

The STAR ELA and math assessments are also administered to determine student progress. This data is utilized to determine the research-based interventions that teachers will use to ensure academic growth.

The information from the NSGRA and STAR assessments is also used for data discussions with the Instructional Support Team members. This team is comprised of professionals who meet weekly to determine what interventions need to be employed in order to promote academic success. The team also recommends additional support services such as Academic Intervention Services, counseling, or monitoring in the classroom.

Benchmark assessments are administered four times per year. These assessments are utilized to identify specific areas of growth that need to be addressed by the teacher due to lost instructional time during the pandemic. The Instructional Support Team also uses the data to determine the appropriate interventions and support needed in order to increase student achievement in the classroom.

The results are utilized to identify student needs. Throughout the school year, the assessments are administered three times per year. The results are utilized to drive instruction in the classroom through the implementation of interventions. This progress monitoring allows the teacher to use additional interventions that are designed to meet the individual needs of each student. All results are utilized to inform and monitor instruction.

At all levels, the Instructional Support Teams meet weekly to discuss student progress. Data teams also meet every ten weeks to review student data and determine a plan of action to address areas of growth. Instructional and curricula adjustments are made to curriculum maps and pacing charts to address lost instructional time due to the pandemic. Grade-appropriate interventions designed to address learning gaps are discussed with the data teams. All classroom teachers participate in the discussions. Teachers reflect on the assessment results, which assists in providing a roadmap for further instruction specifically designed to close learning gaps associated with the pandemic.

- Students are monitored by the classroom teachers and support staff such as Academic Intervention Services providers and special education providers. Furthermore, additional personnel such as social workers and teachers have been retained to provide the support necessary to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students.
- In order to address the effectiveness of the interventions students are progress monitored at a minimum of every ten weeks. This provides details into the skills and concepts that need to be addressed. For example, the STAR assessment may show that a student in third grade is not comprehending reading material. As a result, the teacher can use research-based comprehension strategies outlined in the Scholastic Literacy Program to teach comprehension skills.
- Teachers will continue to use literacy interventions such as predicting, questioning, clarifying, summarizing, and identifying key points to address learning loss. These interventions increase reading independence so students can comprehend reading material, identify the main idea, understand cause and effect, which lead to a deeper understanding of what is read in all content areas.
- For math, additional support is provided by the AIS teachers. This provides supplemental service for students. All teachers focus on the conceptual understanding of math by teaching with manipulatives, number lines, and number games available through our research-based math program. All of the math curriculum spirals so the material is revisited repeatedly over months and across grades. For example, through the use of fraction pieces, students learn about parts of a whole as an explicit instructional method.

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Additionally, students learn repeated addition in the primary grades, which leads to learning multiplication in the intermediate grades. All of the math skills taught lead to a clear understanding of math skills and concepts. All of the learning can be monitored through STAR Math as well as assessments from the enVision Math program.

- Teachers also utilize guided math groups in order to tailor the learning needs. These small groups receive explicit instruction in areas of weakness due to lost instructional time. The groups are fluid so they are created based on the needs of the students.

Additional student support services that are needed to address lost instructional time and improve academic performance are as follows:

- Provide guidance services to assist students with course selection and other academic needs.
- Provide counseling services to assist with the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students.
- Teacher and support staff lead study skills enhancement in order to assist students due to lost instructional time.
- Continue to provide diagnostic screening for vision, learning, and physical difficulties.
- Work with support staff and outside agencies in order to provide services to improve attendance. This data is analyzed by the data teams.
- Provide additional support services to students through community agencies such as I-CAN and the Neighborhood Center.

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5. **In the space provided below, please describe how the LEA will use the funds it reserves under section 2001(e)(1) - the required reserve of 20% of funds - 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.**

Our District will utilize the required reserve 20% funds to address lost instructional time during the pandemic.

- Provide summer school in 2021-2022, and potentially the following two years if needed, for students entering Kindergarten- Grade 12 to address student performance needs;
- Provide support for students who are not meeting state learning standards in core subject areas and credit recovery;
- Provide an additional school psychologist, extra social worker support, nurse, instructional coach, and instructional curriculum development training to implement strategies to meet students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs;
- Purchase educational technology for all students to aid in educational interaction between students and their classroom teachers;
- Enhance educational technology District-wide;
- Accelerate and enhance curriculum cycle materials;
- Resources to address needs in each building;
- Provide support with AIS reading and math teachers in the respective buildings throughout the District. The AIS teachers provide support through IXL Mathematics, Foundations, Leveled Literacy Interventions (LLI) as well as software provided within our Scholastic Literacy Program;
- Within the instructional programs, utilize research-based interventions which include applications through the Scholastic Literacy Program, enVision Mathematics Program, access to and use of one-to-one devices so students can access ELA and mathematics educational software at home which supports our current programs (Scholastic Literacy & enVision Mathematics).
- We provide continued support to students through the AIS reading and math teachers in the respective buildings throughout the District. The AIS teachers provide support through IXL Mathematics, Foundations, Leveled Literacy Interventions (LLI) as well as software provided within our Scholastic Literacy Program;
- Within the instructional programs, we utilize research-based interventions which include the use of software applications through the Scholastic Literacy Program. These applications teach skills such as phonics, phonemic awareness, sight words, fluency, and comprehension. The enVision Mathematics Program offers instruction and interventions that address such topics as number recognition, place value, number fluency, and unpacking word problems. Students also have access to and use of one-to-one devices so they can access ELA and mathematics educational software at home which supports our current programs (Scholastic Literacy & enVision Mathematics).
- All of the aforementioned programs are evidence-based as outlined in best pedagogical practices and research. Quantitative and qualitative research methods are utilized in the development of the programs.
- Through the utilization of the programs, pre-assessments can be administered in order to determine any deficiencies that students have with skills and concepts. The teacher then develops lessons tailored to the learning needs of the students. The instruction is delivered via small groups so all learning gaps can be fully addressed.
- The interventions are designed to explicitly address any learning gaps by systematically teaching the skills and concepts necessary for students to meet with success on lesson and unit assessments. This further addresses the impact of lost instructional time that students experienced throughout the pandemic.
- The Instructional Support Specialist and Instructional Coach will continue to work with teachers and provide support in the classroom. They will assist the data teams with data analysis in order to determine what skills and concepts students need in order to meet the academic goals.

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6. In the space provided below, please describe how the LEA will spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with section 2001(e)(2) - the allowable uses of funds - of the ARP Act.

- Provide summer school in 2022-2023 (and possibly beyond) for students entering Kindergarten- Grade 12 to address student performance needs;
- Provide support for students who are not meeting state learning standards in core subject areas and credit recovery;
- Provide an additional school psychologist, extra social worker support, nurse, instructional coach, and instructional curriculum development training to implement strategies to meet students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs;
- Purchase educational technology for all students to aid in educational interaction between students and their classroom teachers;
- Continue to enhance educational technology District wide;
- Accelerate and enhance curriculum cycle materials;
- Resources to address needs in each building;
- Address the unanticipated emergency needs resulting from the coronavirus pandemic to effectively maintain the health and safety of students and employees.
- Professional development will be provided to our teachers on the use of best practices to meet the needs of students who have experienced learning loss as a result of the pandemic. The professional development will focus on strategies that teachers can use when students experience difficulty with content material including the effective use of comprehension strategies for fictional and nonfiction texts. Teachers will work directly with the Instructional Support Specialist and Professional Development Specialist.

7. In the space provided below, please describe how the LEA will ensure that the interventions it implements, including but not limited to the interventions implemented under section 2001(e)(1) - the required reserve of 20% of funds - 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.

In order to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student learning, mental health issues, social-emotional needs, the District will specifically utilize interventions to meet the diverse needs of low-income families, students of color, English language learners, children with disabilities, and all students.

In addition to classroom teachers, the school psychologist, counselor, social worker, and other support staff are part of the Instructional Support Teams at all levels. These teams develop individual plans for students who are most at risk of not meeting the New York State Learning Standards. The plans also include actions to address the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students. For students with additional needs, wrap-around services are provided. For example, there may be other counseling services that include the entire family. All interventions are monitored through the support teams. When students are not responding to the interventions, adjustments are made and monitoring continues. Throughout the process, parents/guardians are notified as their input is integral to the overall success of their child(ren).

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Section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act requires each LEA that receives ARP ESSER funds to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website, not later than 30 days after receiving ARP ESSER funds, a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services for all schools, including those that have already returned to in-person instruction. Section 2001(i)(2) of the ARP Act further requires that the LEA seek public comment on the plan and take those comments into account in the development of the plan. Finally, section 2001(i)(3) of the ARP Act states that an LEA that developed a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services prior to the date of enactment of the ARP Act will be deemed to have met the requirement to develop a plan under section 2001(i)(1) as long as the plan meets the statutory requirements (i.e., is publicly available on the LEA's website and was developed after the LEA sought and took into account public comment).

The LEA's plan must include how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and LEA staff and a description of any policies it has adopted regarding each of the CDC's safety recommendations, including universal and correct wearing of masks; modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding); handwashing and respiratory etiquette; cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation; contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or the health departments of Native American Nations; diagnostic and screening testing; efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities; appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and coordination with State and local health officials.

The plan must describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and the social, emotional, mental health and other needs of students and staff, which may include student health and food services.

LEA plans must be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, written in a language that parents can understand (or, if not practicable, orally translated). Upon request by a parent with a disability, LEA plans must be provided in an alternative format accessible to the parent.

NYSED will permit previously developed LEA re-opening plans to satisfy the ARP statutory requirement for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services. LEAs must make any necessary updates to existing plans to conform with the USDE requirements within 30 days of receipt of ARP-ESSER funds and to review (and revise if appropriate) plans every six months thereafter (until September 30, 2023).

- 1. In the space provided below, please provide the URL for the website(s) where the district's most current re-opening/return to in-person learning plan is/will be located. For an LEA that does not have a website, the LEA may identify an online platform (e.g. social media group or post, file sharing service, email listserv) that allows plans to be directly communicated to students, parents or legal guardians, school staff, and other stakeholders. As appropriate, the LEA should provide details about how the plan will be made available to people who request it.**

https://www.newhartfordschools.org/cms/lib/NY01913833/Centricity/Domain/25/NewHartford_ReOpeningPlan_Sept2021.pdf

The plan is also available to those that request it by contacting the District Safety Officer at 315-624-1296

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2. An LEA must periodically, but no less frequently than every six months (through September 30, 2023), review and, as appropriate, revise its plan. Consistent with section 2001(i)(2) of the ARP Act, which requires an LEA to seek public comment on the development of its plan, an LEA must seek public input and take such input into account in determining whether to revise its plan and, if it determines revisions are necessary, on the revisions it makes to its plan, i.e., the LEA must seek public input on whether to revise its plan and on any revisions to its plan no less frequently than every six months (taking into consideration the timing of significant changes to CDC guidance on reopening schools). If the LEA revises its plan, the revised plan must address each of the aspects of safety currently recommended by the CDC or, if the CDC has updated its safety recommendations at the time the LEA is revising its plan, each of the updated safety recommendations.

In the space provided below, please describe how the LEA will review and regularly update (at least every six months through September 30, 2023) its plan for in-person instruction, including a description of how public comment will be collected.

The District's plan for in-person instruction and COVID-19 updates have been discussed monthly at public Board of Education meetings with a public comment period provided to those in attendance. Information has also been provided via the District website and other communication methods from the District. This will continue to occur at least every six months through September 30, 2023.

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ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Allocation - Funding Distribution

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- 1. Please complete the following to indicate the LEA's American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act LEA Base 90% allocation for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds, as well as its most current enrollment figures.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount (\$ or #). Rows include ARP-ESSER Fund Allocation (\$), Total Number of K-12 Resident Students Enrolled (#), and Total Number of Students from Low-Income Families (#).

ARP-ESSER Schools Served

- 2. Please complete the following chart by indicating the number of PUBLIC SCHOOLS in the LEA being served by ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Funding.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Number (#). Rows include Total Number of Schools in the LEA and Number of Schools Served by ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Funding.

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ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Allocation - Use of Funds

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1. Please complete the chart below by identifying the funds being used to support each allowable activity. Please respond with "0" to indicate that no funds are being assigned to a given activity.

PLEASE NOTE - All proposed expenditures must be reflected within the FS-10 budget form AND budget narrative to clearly align with this item.

	FUNDING Amounts (\$)
1 - Any activity authorized by the ESEA, including the Native Hawaiian Education Act and the Alaska Native Educational Equity, Support, and Assistance Act (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.).	0
2 - Any activity authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.).	0
3 - Any activity authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) (29 U.S.C. 3271 et seq.).	0
4 - Any activity authorized by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins V) (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.).	0
5 - Any activity authorized by subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento) (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.).	0
6 - Coordinating preparedness and response efforts of LEAs 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 COVID-19.	0
7 - Providing principals and other school leaders with the resources necessary to address the needs of their individual schools.	0
8 - Activities to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population.	235,000
9 - Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of LEAs.	0
10 - Training and professional development for staff of the LEA on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.	0
11 - Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of the LEA, including buildings operated by such LEA.	0
12 - 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 IDEA and ensuring other education services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements.	0
13 - Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the LEA that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including low-income students and students with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment.	210,000
14 - Providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence based full-service community schools.	70,000
15 - Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and enrichment and supplemental after-school programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, migrant	300,000

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	FUNDING Amounts (\$)
students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care.	
16 - Addressing the academic impact of lost instructional time among an LEA's students (including low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care) by: a) 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; b) Implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students; c) Providing information and assistance to parents and families on how they can effectively support students, including in a distance learning environment; and d) Tracking student attendance and improving student engagement in distance education.	195,000
17 - 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.	0
18 - 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.	245,000
19 - Developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies in line with guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff.	0
20 - Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in the LEA and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA.	157,522
Totals:	1,412,522

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ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Allocation - Budget

PLEASE NOTE - the FS-10 and Budget Narrative are used to provide NYSED with a specific itemization of proposed project expenditures and to provide NYSED and the Office of the State Comptroller with the necessary documentation upon which payments can be based. FS-10s with missing quantities or unit costs, or with terms such "TBD" or "Varies" cannot be accepted on the FS-10 or Budget Narrative forms.

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1. **Please upload a completed and signed copy of the *FS-10 Budget* for the ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Funds.**
ARP FS-10.pdf
2. **Please upload a completed copy of the *Budget Narrative* for the ARP-ESSER LEA Base 90% Funds.**
ARP Budget Narrative.pdf
3. Please complete the following table by providing total proposed expenditures by budget code for funding in relation to the ARP-ESSER Application – Part 2. This information should match the Budget Summary page of the FS-10 budget form.

	Total Funds (\$)
15 - Professional Salaries	430,000
16 - Support Staff Salaries	140,000
40 - Purchased Services	136,372
45 - Supplies and Materials	406,000
46 - Travel Expenses	0
80 - Employee Benefits	0
90 - Indirect Cost	0
49 - BOCES Services	300,150
30 - Minor Remodeling	0
20 - Equipment	0
Totals:	1,412,522