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American Rescue Plan (ARP): State Application



May 2021

Ohio Department of Education

Federal Relief Legislation

- **March 2020:** Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act/Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER I)

- **December 2021**: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSS, aka “ESSER II”)

- **March 2021**: American Rescue Plan (ARP, aka “ESSER III”)

Timeline for State Application

- May: Stakeholder feedback
- May 24-28 (tentative): posted for public comment
- June 7: Due to US Department of Education

Key Priorities

1. Supporting the academic, social and emotional needs of students; and

2. Investing in the future of education including academic resources, connectivity and enhancing in-person, remote, hybrid and blended education opportunities for students.

Feedback

- Review aspects of the application.
- Priorities have been developed over the past year based on stakeholder needs.
- Are there additional needs that should be addressed?

Describing the State's Current Status and Needs

- Describe the current operating status of Ohio's schools and districts.
- Describe the status of state and local efforts to support students impacted by the pandemic.
- Reflect on the needs of students and the priorities for meeting those needs.

Safely Reopening Schools and Sustaining their Safe Operations

- Describe how Ohio schools and districts are largely reopened in either hybrid or fully site-based approaches.

- Discuss how the state is supporting schools in complying with state and federal guidelines for healthy and safe operations.

Planning for the Use and Coordination of ARP ESSER Funds

- Describe consultations that have taken place or are taking place that identify student, school and district needs, and approaches to addressing those needs.

- This will include specific initiatives including, but not limited to:
  - *Whole Child Framework*
  - *Each Child Means Each Child* (students with disabilities) report
  - Statewide literacy plan

- Address how Ohio is coordinating the use of ARP ESSER funds with other federal resources to meet the needs of students.

Maximizing State-Level Federal Allocations to Support Students

- Describe the actions that have been taken using prior state-level federal fund allocations to support meeting the needs of students including:
  - *RemotEDx* initiative
  - technical assistance for learning recovery
  - family engagement supports
  - school improvement supports
  - student wellness supports, etc.

- Discuss support for summer learning and enrichment programs and afterschool programs.

Supporting LEAs in Planning for and Meeting Students' Needs

- Describe how we have already asked districts to submit Learning Recovery plans, including
  - how those plans form the foundation for school and district actions to meet students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs; and
  - address equity gaps that exist.

- Discuss how we will support schools and districts in implementing their high-quality plans including through the use of their federal funds allocations.

Supporting the Educator Workforce

- Describe any educator shortage issues and strategies for supporting the educator workforce.

- Describe assistance for local staffing approaches that support students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs.

Monitoring and Measuring Progress

- Describe our data collection and analysis capability and the manner in which we are collecting data relevant to student performance and the impact of the pandemic.

- Discuss our processes for monitoring district activity to ensure compliance and effective use of resources.

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