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Section 9-a of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021, as amended by §5-a of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022 requires, on or before July 1, 2022, every local educational agency (LEA) receiving funding from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) act of 2021 to post on its website and submit to the New York State Education Department (NYSED) an updated plan of how such funds will be expended and how the LEA will prioritize spending on non-recurring expenses as defined in section 9-a(1) of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021. This updated plan must include:

- An analysis of public comment;
- Goals and ratios for pupil support;
- Detailed summaries of Investments in current year activities; and
- Balance of funds spent in priority areas.

Instructions

The *State Budget Reporting Survey* is due by July 1, 2022.

LEAs must complete all sections and are required to answer questions marked with a red asterisk. If a required question has not been completed, the business portal will highlight it in red and the section of the application will be flagged. The applicant will be unable to submit the application to NYSED for final review if a required question remains unresolved.

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

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1. **Have you made changes to your approved ARP - ESSER application?**

- YES, the LEA has made changes to your approved ARP ESSER application.
- NO, the LEA has not made changes to your approved ARP ESSER application.

2. **Please provide an analysis of public comment for the updated American Rescue Plan (ARP) - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding.**

Public comment has been central to the development and use of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding. Expansive stakeholder input was gathered and considered with respect to identifying and ranking Challenge Preparatory Charter School’s spending priorities. The health & safety priority included reopening under safe protocols for our scholars. Academic improvement strategies coincided with in-person learning to bridge the gap for learning loss. Also, the support for social-emotional learning, mental health, and well-being assessments became increasingly pertinent to our school community as we transitioned to a version of normalcy with school reopening.

3. **Please provide a description of program goals and per pupil teacher ratios for priorities supported by ARP - ESSER funding. Click on "Add Row" as needed to include additional program goals.**

Program Goals	Per Pupil Teacher Ratios (# : #)
Intensive Reading and Math tutoring	12:1
Curriculum revision aligned with NextGen Standards for literacy	12:1
A Parent Academy with programming to build capacity among parents as partners who enable and extend student learning and social-emotional well-being	24:1
Professional development promoting embedded assessment and close reading	12:1
To provide crucial mental health services for students who continue to deal with pandemic-related stress and trauma, with curriculum redesign based on SEL Framework	1:1

4. **Please provide detailed summaries of investments in current year activities for ARP - ESSER funding. Click on "Add Row" as needed to include programs.**

Summary of New Programs or Expansion of Existing Programs in Current Year	Investment (\$)
We have added Math consultants and Institute seats to address and bridge the learning loss gap of our scholars.	40800
We have added sessions of professional development for assessment design and creation as part of the curriculum designing process with all teachers.	33000

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5. **Please explain how ARP ESSER funds will be expended by the LEA, by school year, for each of the priority areas in the chart below.**

	2021-22 School Year (\$)	2022-23 School Year (\$)	2023-24 School Year (\$)
Safely returning students to in-person instruction.	0	0	0
Maximizing in-person instruction time.	0	0	0
Operating schools and meeting the needs of students.	260,982	75,000	0
Purchasing educational technology.	0	0	0

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	2021-22 School Year (\$)	2022-23 School Year (\$)	2023-24 School Year (\$)
Addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, including the impacts of interrupted instruction and learning loss and the impacts on low-income students, children with disabilities, English language learners, and students experiencing homelessness.	347,450	120,500	0
Implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs.	24,000	328,170	0
Offering evidence-based summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs.	129,040	85,000	0
Supporting early childhood education.	0	0	0
Other (please describe below)	30,000	0	0
Totals:	791,472	608,670	0

6. If 'Other' is indicated in the table above, please describe.

JPS Solutions facilitated the process of reviewing and modifying our school's Reopening Plan and developing the required plan for American Rescue Plan Funds.