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TO: School District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: ARP ESSER Allocations

ARP ESSER ALLOCATIONS

To assist districts with planning for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) funding under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) that is awarded through the Wyoming Department of Education's (WDE) Grants Management System (GMS), we are announcing the ARP ESSER (ESSER III) [LEA Allocation amounts](#).

Of the total amount of the ARP ESSER Grant funds, LEA's must reserve at least 20 percent of funds to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive after school 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 COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups. Additionally, ARP ESSER funds may be used to develop strategies and implement public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on reopening and operating schools. The remaining ARP ESSER funds may be used for the same allowable purposes as ESSER I and ESSER II. A side-by-side comparison of ESSER I, ESSER II, and ARP ESSER can be found [here](#). Please note, there are no equitable services required from ARP ESSER grants.

The WDE recommends that districts make every effort possible to spend all public portion of ESSER I and ESSER II grant funds prior to accessing ARP ESSER grant funds. Districts will be able to apply for and draw ARP ESSER funds without having expended all ESSER I and ESSER II grant funds.

The WDE will notify districts when a grant application for ARP ESSER is available in the GMS.

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