

STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT DEVELOPING  
NEW YORK'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL  
EMERGENCY RELIEF PLAN

Public Comment Accepted Through May 24

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is seeking public input in the development of the plan for the use of \$8.99 billion in federal funds allocated to New York State under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund. These federal funds have been provided to assist New York State's Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and NYSED, as the State Educational Agency, to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools in the current academic year and beyond and address the impacts of the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic on New York State's students by addressing students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs.

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