

PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

AMERICAN RESCUE DRAFT PLAN (ARP)

INTRODUCTION

The 2021-22 enacted state budget includes language requiring local education agencies, such as school districts, that receive funding from the Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund allocated by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to post on its website a plan summarizing how these funds will be spent.

New York has been allocated nearly \$9 billion in funds, with a minimum of \$8.09 billion (90 percent) going to local education agencies, including public schools. The Pine Plains Central School District's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation totals \$1,086,513.

The ARP ESSER Fund includes three State-level reservations for activities and interventions that respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups, including children from low-income households, children with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care. ARPA allocations may be used in the following ways:

- 5% may be used for other activities to address learning loss by supporting the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs.
- 1% may be used for summer enrichment programs to address learning loss.
- 1% may be used for comprehensive afterschool enrichment programs to address learning loss.

Districts are also required to prioritize spending on non-recurring expenses in the following areas:

- Safely returning students to in-person instruction,
- Maximizing in-person instruction time,
- Operating schools and meeting the needs of students,
- Purchasing educational technology,
- 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,

- Implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs,
- Offering evidence-based summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs,
- Supporting early childhood education.

HOW WILL THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT UTILIZE THESE FUNDS TO ENSURE THE SAFE RETURN OF STUDENTS TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION?

The Pine Plains Central School District will continue to implement protocols established by the New York State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to ensure the safety of students, staff and community members. ARPA funds may be used to fund expenditures for personal protective equipment, sanitation, health aides, and other staff.

HOW WILL THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT UTILIZE THESE FUNDS TO MAXIMIZE IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION TIME?

The Pine Plains Central School District may use funding to support the following programs to maximize in-person instruction time: summer instructional programming and implementation of after school tutoring/instructional programs.

HOW WILL THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT UTILIZE THESE FUNDS TO PROMOTE CONTINUED OPERATION OF SCHOOLS AND MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS?

The Pine Plains Central School District may use funding to inspect, test, maintain, repair, replace, and upgrade HVAC units to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities. This may include mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, and control systems.

HOW WILL THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT UTILIZE THESE FUNDS TO PURCHASE EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY?

The Pine Plains Central School District is currently a one-to-one district but may use funds to purchase subscriptions for WiFi hotspots, to purchase licenses for remote learning tools, to acquire email encryption and instructional technology applications.

HOW WILL THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT UTILIZE THESE FUNDS TO ADDRESS THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON ALL STUDENTS, INCLUDING LOW-INCOME STUDENTS, STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS, AND STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?

The Pine Plains Central School District may use funds to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on all students, including low-income students, students with disabilities, English language learners, and students experiencing homelessness by securing subscriptions for WiFi hotspots, securing translation services for communications to non-English speaking parents, offering tutoring programs, coordinating field trips and promoting/implementing school-to-work programs.

HOW WILL THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT UTILIZE THESE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES TO MEET STUDENTS' SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH AND ACADEMIC NEEDS?

The Pine Plains Central School District may use funds to implement evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health and academic needs through continued employment of social workers and counselors, implementing programs to reduce student anxiety, curriculum development pertaining to social-emotional learning, securing professional speakers for student engagement and implementing staff development programs centered around improving students' social, emotional, mental health and academic needs.

HOW WILL THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT UTILIZE THESE FUNDS TO OFFER EVIDENCE-BASED SUMMER, AFTERSCHOOL, AND OTHER EXTENDED LEARNING AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS?

The Pine Plains Central School District may use funds to offer evidence-based summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs such as summer instructional programming and implementing afterschool tutoring/instructional programs.

HOW WILL THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT UTILIZE THESE FUNDS TO SUPPORT EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION?

The Pine Plains Central School District may use funds to support and expand our early childhood education Pre-kindergarten program.

HOW WILL THE PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT UTILIZE THESE FUNDS TO ADDRESS OTHER AREAS OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND NEED?

The Pine Plains Central School District will ensure that programs continue beyond availability of the ARPA funding. The District will use local funds to minimize disruption to core academics and other school programs for low-income students, students with disabilities, English language learners, and students experiencing homelessness.