

LEA ARP ESSER Plan

SAU 51: Pittsfield School District Use of Funds Plan



The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (“ARP ESSER”) Fund, authorized under the American Rescue Plan (“ARP”) Act of 2021, provides nearly \$122 billion to States to support the Nation’s schools in safely reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students resulting from the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic.

REOPENING PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The Reopening Plan was drafted by members of the District Leadership Team (DLT) that is made up of teachers and administrators. The DLT used the framework of the 20-21 reopening plan to draft the plan for the 21-22 school year. The DLT also considered the most recent guidance and recommendations from a variety of sources including the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the New Hampshire Department of Public Health Services (NH DPHS), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The plan continues to be a fluid document that is updated with feedback from various stakeholders, including families and students, and changes in CDC guidance.

REOPENING PLAN

The newly revised reopening plan emphasizes in-person instruction and includes status levels with school safety protocols for each level depending on community and school transmission rates. The plan was presented to the public and school board at an open meeting on August 5, 2021 and unanimously accepted by a vote of the Pittsfield School Board.

See plan here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zuvHXtVFeKUw-zBMoFDuvLLsvAm3TrBT1khrGPZA0Co>

PLAN FOR USE OF FUNDS

SAU 51 plans to utilize the funds to support our whole school community with a focus in the following areas:

- Increase intervention supports to support individual learning loss
- Increase family engagement opportunities to build stronger relationships across the community
- Provide staff with opportunities to reach individual professional development goals and increase self-care opportunities, all supporting educator fatigue
- Increase health and safety aspects of our school facilities
- Increase purposeful and effective access to technology to support needs for remote learning, when required

The district will continue to gather information on needs from families, students and staff members in order to more specifically create a plan for the ARP ESSER funds throughout the three years of access to the funds.

We invite all members of the public to provide additional input into the development of this ESSER Use of Funds plan and our use of ESSER funding by reaching out to any member of the Pittsfield School District staff through our website or school emails. Calls can also be made to our SAU office 603-435-5526.

If you require support in accessing or understanding the ESSER plan, please contact Kathy LeMay at klemay@pittsfieldnhschools.org or 603-435-8432.