



**American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER)**

SUMMARY:

On March 11, 2021, the President signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). ARP makes available \$122.8 billion nationally in a third round of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. New York State has been allocated nearly \$9 billion under the ARP Act's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. The ARP Act requires that a minimum of \$8.09 billion (90 percent) be allocated to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), including charter schools and Special Act School Districts that are LEAs. At least 20% of an LEA's allocation must be reserved to address the academic impact of lost instructional time.

Anticipated Total ARP Funding Allocation for BCSD: **\$3,963,324**

Reserved 20% of funds to address academic impact: **\$792,665**

Remaining 80% of funds for other activities to address needs arising from the coronavirus pandemic:
\$3,170,659

ARP Funding Activities for Bedford Central School District:
Educational Technology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of chromebooks, additional hardware, and soundfield systems, which provide classroom amplification to overcome limitations of masks and barriers
Staffing to lower class size and address academic impact of lost instructional time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Media Specialists (2.0 FTE) • Elementary Teachers (7.0 FTE) • Middle School Teachers (4.0 FTE) • Math HS Teachers (0.5 FTE) • SS HS Teachers (1.0 FTE) • ESOL HS Teacher (1.0 FTE)
RULER curriculum work to support implementation of SEL program
Summer Programs
Quarantine Support & Tutoring services
Implementing Public Health Protocols: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional custodial time for thorough sanitizing & disinfecting protocols
PPE, cleaning, and HVAC supplies for disinfecting, cleaning, and proper air ventilation