



Now Accepting Public Comments for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Application

Maine Arts Academy accepts funding through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. As part of ARP ESSER, the school must provide a reasonable opportunity for public comment on the application and consider comments prior to submission of the application.

The school's planning team has developed a draft proposal for the use of these funds to implement prevention and/or mitigation strategies caused by COVID-19. Throughout the spring and early summer, the school's planning team has gathered and reviewed school-level data to plan for the use of these funds in the upcoming year. The school's estimated funding allocation is: \$183,892. A minimum of twenty percent of these funds must be set aside to address student learning loss.

The school has identified the following strategies for the use of funds:

1. Student Learning Loss - educators will provide student academic support throughout the year as a result of learning loss due to COVID-19, and provide educational materials and supplies to support this work.
2. Students will be provided extra counseling hours for any emotional support and trauma caused by the COVID 19 Pandemic.
3. Substitute teachers will be paid for any staff out due to COVID 19.
4. Funding will be used for contracted services and COVID safety support in the school
5. Funding will be used for technology supplies related to virtual learning
6. Funding will be used to support any emergency communication
7. Funding will be used for staff support related to any COVID 19 procedures

Please share your thoughts about the application strategies by September 7, 2021 by emailing hking@maineartsacademy.org

We look forward to any input you would like to provide.

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