



MEMO

TO: Superintendent Jeff Stephens
Weber School District Board Members:

FROM: Lori Jo Rasmussen

DATE: July 30, 2021

SUBJECT: Weber School District's American Rescue Plan (ARP)

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021, and provides an additional \$122.8 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER Fund). ARP ESSER Fund awards to State Education Associations (SEAs) are awarded to each State using the same formula as Part A of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (as amended, in fiscal year 2020).

The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) is distributing these funds by application in alignment with the federal distribution formula. This new funding is intended to help local education agencies safely reopen schools, measure and effectively address accelerated learning (learning loss), and take other actions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the students and families who depend on our K-12 schools. These funds are one-time in nature, but we have until September 30, 2024, to spend the funds.

The ARP ESSER funds require that an LEA engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders in the development of this plan.

We have sought feedback from parents, students, staff, administrators, Board Members and the community in the development of our plan. Several surveys were sent this spring and an analysis of our academic data informed our American Rescue Plan (ARP Plan). We held a well-attended stakeholder meeting where we shared our plan. We feel confident that our plan meets all of the requirements outlined in the application and aligns

with USBE's priorities as well as meets the needs of our students. Because we were able to hold in-person learning last year, we are able to concentrate the bulk of these new monies to support student academics and social emotional needs. We will use funds to:

- Address the individual needs of students according to our data
- Provide targeted professional development to enhance the capacity of our teachers to meet the needs of students to mitigate learning loss
- Provide Professional development for teachers
 - to enhance their use of technology to effectively provide blended learning experiences for students and better differentiate their instruction
 - to enhance their use of technology to provide effective on-line instruction in the event of closures due to COVID-19
- Compensate teachers for their time
- Expand Weber Online to meet the needs of students not comfortable with in-person learning
- Support Mental Health and Social Emotional needs of students
- Support technology access, including access to internet, devices, and software
- Re-engage our students who have not attended and also reach out to missing students
- Continue sanitation and mitigation efforts
- Recoup lost WPU for enrollment decline