Iowa ARP ESSER State Plan Highlights

Total ARP ESSER allocation for Iowa: $775,053,259
ARP ESSER funding released to Iowa on March 24, 2021: $516,344,144
ARP ESSER funding released to Iowa on July 22, 2021: $258,709,115
2020-2021 Preliminary Statewide Enrollment: 506,656

Top Priorities within Iowa’s plan:
- Accelerating learning
- Supporting social-emotional-behavioral health

Highlights of Iowa’s Plan:
- **Returning to In Person Learning in 2021:** For both 2021 summer school and the 2021-2022 school year, the planned mode of instruction for all districts is in-person.

- **Understanding the Impact of the Pandemic:** The Iowa Department of Education (IDOE) will continue to support LEAs to implement a Multi-tiered System of Supports System (MTSS) framework and an early warning data system to help districts track literacy, math, attendance, discipline, and assessment data, as well as intervention implementation. These systems will allow districts to identify and address student learning and social, emotional, and behavioral health needs.

- **Addressing the Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time:** The IDOE will support school districts to implement evidence-based interventions and practices to be determined that address accelerated learning in the context of COVID-19. The IDOE will also train and provide coaching through a statewide implementation network and provide curated lists of evidence-based interventions and practices from reviewed organizations.

- **Investing in Summer Learning and Expanded Afterschool Programs and Supporting Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs:** The IDOE will support school districts to select and implement evidence-based interventions and practices that address summer school programming in the context of COVID-19. IDOE will also use ARP ESSER funds to support implementation of evidence-based comprehensive after-school programs that integrate before- and after-school programs and wraparound care.

- **When Iowa LEA Use of Funds Plans will be due:** August 23, 2021