Florida ARP ESSER State Plan Highlights

Total ARP ESSER allocation for Florida: $7,043,370,152
ARP ESSER funding released to Florida on March 24, 2021: $4,692,164,292
ARP ESSER funding released to Florida on December 30, 2021: $2,351,205,860
2020-2021 Statewide Enrollment: 2,801,507

Top Priorities Within Florida’s Plan:
- Ensuring student achievement
- Establishing access to post-secondary education for all students
- Building an exceptionally skilled workforce

Highlights of Florida’s Plan:
- **Addressing the Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time:** The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) will use ARP ESSER funding to implement a tutoring initiative for students in the early grades focused on closing gaps that have been exacerbated as a result of the pandemic. FDOE will also provide grants to all school districts to invest in evidence-based reading strategies and professional development aligned to the science of reading, including deploying literacy coaches. In addition, FDOE will use ARP ESSER funds to provide formula grants to expand access to STEM programs, to support math acceleration and expand computer science credentials in high schools.

- **Investing in Summer Learning and Expanded Afterschool Programs:** FDOE will provide matching grants to school districts to enhance or create evidence-based summer learning programs with a focus on reading achievement and evidence-based comprehensive afterschool and weekend programs to support acceleration in literacy achievement.

- **Staffing to Support Students’ Needs:** FDOE will use ARP ESSER funds to implement Wraparound Supports and Regional Resiliency Teams, which include six regional teams to support schools and districts with the implementation, coordination and delivery of evidence-based support. Each team will consist of a school social worker, school counselor and school psychologist.

- **When Florida’s LEA Use of Funds Plans Were Due:** December 17, 2021