Michigan ARP ESSER State Plan Highlights

Total ARP ESSER allocation for Michigan: $3,722,478,258
ARP ESSER funding released to Michigan on March 24, 2021: $2,479,888,752
ARP ESSER funding released to Michigan on October 7, 2021: $1,242,589,506
2020-2021 Preliminary Statewide Enrollment: 1,434,137

Top Priorities within Michigan’s plan:
- Expanding early childhood learning opportunities
- Improving early literacy achievement
- Improving the health, safety, and wellness of all learners

Highlights of Michigan’s Plan:
- Returning to In-Person Learning in 2021: All traditional public school districts are operating predominantly in-person this year and all students have access to in-person learning.

- Safely Reopening Schools and Sustaining Safe Operations: The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has promoted collaborative partnerships between districts and local health departments to conduct vaccination clinics. In partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the MI Safe Schools Testing Program supports schools in providing COVID-19 testing to allow for safe in-person learning. MDHHS is providing over $24 million in additional federal funding to school districts and local public health departments to hire 220 Health Resource Advocates to effectively support school-based COVID-19 testing and reporting.

- Addressing the Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time and Expanding Summer and Afterschool Programs: School districts that receive state reserve funds will select evidence-based interventions that address the academic and social emotional needs of their student populations that are most impacted by the pandemic. Districts will complete additional budget information and documentation on how they will use ARP ESSER funds for students disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

- When Michigan’s LEA Use of Funds Plans will be due: MDE will require LEAs to submit their plans for the use of the funds by December 14, 2021.