

**Public Notice**  
**North Dakota Department of Public Instruction**  
**Submits**  
**ARP ESSER State Plan**

On behalf of the State of North Dakota, the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) will be submitting an ARP ESSER State Plan to the United States Education Department (USED) on June 7, 2021.

The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund provides nearly \$122 billion to states to support the nation's schools in safely reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students resulting from the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

This North Dakota ARP ESSER State Plan defines our state's approach of using ARP ESSER funds with transparency, effectiveness, equity, inclusive engagement, and strong fiscal safeguards. The plan outlines how these funds will be utilized in North Dakota, describes how we have addressed COVID-related issues over the past year, shares data, and outlines how we have collaborated with numerous stakeholder groups.

The USED requires states to provide all districts and interested parties in the state with notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment on this state plan. We are distributing this statewide notice in the following ways: by email via the NDDPI distribution lists, the Weekly Blast, a press release, and posting the ARP ESSER plan on the NDDPI website.

Review a copy of the ARP ESSER State Plan [here](#).

Anyone wishing to provide public comment can email their feedback to [dpiasstosupt@nd.gov](mailto:dpiasstosupt@nd.gov) or call Laurie Matzke at (701) 328-2284.