

## Section: Narratives - Needs Assessment

### Introduction

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and Pennsylvania Act 24 of 2021 (Act 24), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) will award approximately \$ 249,848,000 or five percent (5%) of Pennsylvania's ARP Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) State Reserve funds to school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools (collectively, LEAs) = to implement evidence-based interventions that address learning loss in response to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students and subgroups of students impacted by COVID-19 public health emergency that supplement school programs and activities.

Act 24 requires that LEAs, at a minimum, use the funds they are awarded under this subgrant in the following ways: .

### Percentage of LEA Allocation - Required Activities

**30% - To address the social, emotional and mental health needs of students**

**10% - To provide professional development and technical assistance to educators, school support staff, school leaders and school health professionals to address the social, emotional and mental health needs of students.**

**8% - To address reading remediation and improvement for students**

The remaining allocation may be used by the LEA to address and/or supplement other areas of learning loss caused by the pandemic.

Act 24 also requires that, when available, existing personnel shall be utilized by school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools to staff programs and activities established with these grant funds.

Within 90 days of receipt of these allocations, school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools must submit a three-part plan to PDE, that outlines the proposed use of the grant money, itemized by program and activity. This plan is part of a consolidated application that includes after-school programming, summer activities, and a comprehensive plan to address learning loss. The plan shall include:

- 1) A description of each program and activity
- 2) A narrative outlining the expected benefit of each program and activity
- 3) A budget for each program and activity detailing personnel and operating costs.

Through this grant application, LEAs will meet their requirement of developing a three-part plan, including describing their planned programming, a narrative outlining the expected benefit of each program and activity, as well as an overview of how the LEA determined the areas of need to be addressed, including the use of stakeholder feedback.

PDE has developed the Accelerated Learning Toolkit, a significant cadre of resources and trainings, to support LEAs in the development of their plans. The Accelerated Learning Toolkit can be found [Link to Accelerated Learning Toolkit](#).

**Needs Assessment:** In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the impact of the pandemic on their

students, examine disproportionate impacts on specific student groups, and highlight the LEA’s promising practices in supporting student needs since March 2020.

**Indicators of Impact**

1. Understanding the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Describe how the LEA has identified or will identify the extent of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student learning and well-being. Specifically, what methods (i.e., collecting and analyzing data and information from focus groups, surveys, and local assessment results) were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts in four key areas: (1) Social and Emotional Learning, (2) Professional Development needs to support Social and Emotional Learning, (3) Reading Remediation and Improvement for Students, and (4) Other areas of Learning Loss?

	<b>Method used to Understand Each Type of Impact</b>
<b>Social and Emotional Learning</b>	The District purchased Positive Action, an SEL program for grades K-12. It will be used to implement daily lessons.
<b>Professional Development for Social and Emotional Learning</b>	Training through Positive Action and Train the Trainer have already started with support provided through the district SEL core team. Our high school is also working with the Lincoln Intermediate Unit on their ATSI plan to incorporate SEL.
<b>Reading Remediation and Improvement for Students</b>	Implementation of supplemental literacy programming through the MTSS framework, after-school tutoring, and summer school.
<b>Other Learning Loss</b>	Credit recovery courses are being offered to students, grades 9-12, that have failed courses. After-school tutoring is being offered for all students K-12 to help close learning gaps. Summer school is being offered for students grades 6-12 for remediation and students grades K-5 for learning loss.

**Documenting Disproportionate Impacts**

2. Identify the student groups in the LEA that faced particularly significant impacts from the pandemic in the areas of Social and Emotional Learning, Reading Remediation and Improvement, or any other areas of learning loss that the LEA will address with this funding source. For each, provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts.

<b>Student Group</b>	<b>Area of Impact</b>	<b>Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts</b>
Children from Low-Income Families	Social and Emotional Learning	The District purchased Positive Action, which is a SEL program for grades K-12. It will be used

Student Group	Area of Impact	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts
		to implement daily lessons.
Children with Disabilities	Social and Emotional Learning	The District purchased Positive Action, which is a SEL program for grades K-12. It will be used to implement daily lessons.
Major Racial or Ethnic Groups	Reading Remediation and Improvement	Implementation of supplemental literacy programming through the MTSS framework, after school tutoring, and summer school.
Children from Low-Income Families	Other Areas of Learning Loss	Grades, MAP NWEA scores, CDT scores, Acadience Scores

**Section: Narratives - Learning Loss Program Questions**

**Learning Loss Program Questions:** In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to support accelerated learning to combat learning loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic for their students. Please use the following link to ensure that your calculated values below are equal to the values published on PDE's website. The file contains your LEA's MINIMUM required reserves for Learning Loss to address SEL, SEL PD, and Reading Improvement. [Click to download reserve amounts.](#)

\*LEA's can choose to spend MORE than the minimum required reserves for Learning Loss. Those values will be entered in the budget sections.

**Section 3a – Social and Emotional Learning:** As schools across the Commonwealth return to school, LEAs face increased challenges in addressing the mental health needs of their students and staff. LEAs are required to utilize **A MINIMUM of THIRTY PERCENT (30%)** of funding available through this grant application to support the Social and Emotional Learning of their students. In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to address these needs. Please reference the SEL framework to assist in developing this plan.

3. Calculate 30% of LEA Allocation as the **MINIMUM REQUIRED RESERVE** for Social and Emotional Learning. (Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)
  - This value will be needed in the corresponding budget section.

	Total LEA Allocation	Multiply by 30% (.30)	Minimum Allocation for SEL
<b>Minimum 30% SEL Requirement</b>	1,255,052	30%	376,516

4. Describe the data sources the LEA is using to identify social and emotional needs of students and identify areas of strength and concerns in the learning environment.

We are looking at academic performance, discipline referrals, attendance, mental health referrals, and Children and Youth referrals.

5. Program/Activities – Please describe the planned program activities and identify the type of activity and the number of students to be served by that activity.

Program Activity	Student Group	Type (Universal, Targeted, Intensive)	Number of Students Served
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Program Activity	Student Group	Type (Universal, Targeted, Intensive)	Number of Students Served
Implement Positive Action - SEL Program	Major Racial and Ethnic Groups	Universal	9,287

6. How will the LEA assess the success of the SEL program? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Attendance	Weekly	95% attendance rate
Discipline Referrals	Weekly	Reduction in discipline referrals
C&Y Referrals	Weekly	Reduction in C & Y referrals
Academic Achievement	Weekly	Higher graduation rate and honor roll list

**Section 3b – Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development:** LEAs face increased challenges in addressing the mental health needs of their students and staff. LEAs are required to utilize **A MINIMUM OF TEN PERCENT (10%)** of funding available through this grant application to support professional development activities and technical assistance for educators, school support staff, school leaders and school health professionals to address the social, emotional and mental health needs of students. In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to address these needs.

7. Calculate 10% of LEA Allocation as the **MINIMUM REQUIRED RESERVE** for Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development. (Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)

- This value will be needed in the corresponding budget section.

	Total LEA Allocation	Multiply by 10% (.10)	Minimum Allocation for SEL PD
<b>Minimum 10% SEL PD Requirement</b>	1,255,052	10%	125,505

8. Describe the planned professional development activities and how the activity will ensure that teachers/staff are equipped with training/support on the following:
- Social emotional learning and support for students that have suffered trauma during the COVID-19 pandemic;
  - Identifying signs of possible mental health issues and providing culturally relevant support;
  - Motivating students that have been disengaged;
  - Mentoring students who have attendance issues before it becomes a pattern;
  - Self-care and mindfulness strategies for teachers;
  - Engaging and communicating effectively with parents;
  - Working with community agencies to address non-academic needs.

Professional Development Activity	Number of Staff Involved	Type of Staff Involved (Teacher, Counselor, Support Staff, Admin, Other)	Provider – Who will present the professional development	Is the provider an internal staff member or an outside contractor?	Brief Description of the Planned Activity
a. Social emotional learning and support for students that have suffered trauma during the COVID-19 pandemic;	660	Teacher	Core Team	Internal Staff	Postivie Action will do train the trainer for District staff.
d. Mentoring students who have attendance issues before it becomes a pattern;	12	Counselor	Core Team	Internal Staff	Training through county

9. How will the LEA assess the success of the SEL professional development? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
	The expectation layed out was	

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Through implementation of the SEL Positive action lessons	to complete 18 lessons this year and for next year full year implementation of 100-140 lessons.	Full implementation of the SEL program

**Section 3c - Reading Improvement for Students:**

LEA allocations in Reading improvement should be used to increase the best practice in the implementation of research-based reading instruction and acceleration. As schools are planning the most effective use for this 8% set aside for reading instruction and acceleration, they should contemplate the use of structured literacy (also known as Science of Literacy) to develop reading instruction and remediation. Please reference the Structured Literacy framework to assist in developing this plan [LINK NEEDED](#)

LEAs are required to utilize **A MINIMUM of EIGHT PERCENT (8%)** of their ARP-ESSER allocation for research-based reading instruction. In this section, describe the course of action to remediate and improve reading gaps through research-based practices.

- Calculate 8% of LEA Allocation as the **MINIMUM REQUIRED RESERVE** for Reading Improvement for Students. *(Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)*
  - This value will be needed in the corresponding budget section.

	Total LEA Allocation	Multiply by 8% (.08)	Minimum Allocation for Reading Improvement
<b>Minimum 8% Reading Improvement Requirement</b>	1,255,052	8%	100,404

- What local assessments were used to determine the need to address learning loss in the area of reading? For which specific groups of students was this need evidenced? What were the findings?

PSSA and Keystone yearly state tests. NWEA MAP assessments. CDT Diagnostic Assessments. NSGRA diagnostic testing in elementary.

- Does your data indicate that at-risk readers are making at least a year's worth of growth or more in one school year? \*Please consider both state PVAAS data and local assessment data

No

Please explain:

State testing indicates we had at least a 20% drop in reading scores.

13. Has the LEA used structured literacy and/or provided training for K-4, ESL, and Special Education teachers in structured literacy?

Yes

If so, please identify the training, grade level, and number of teachers involved.

<b>Training</b>	<b>Grade Level / ESL / Special Education</b>	<b>Number of Teachers Trained</b>
Guided Reading	K-5	150

14. Describe the evidence-based instructional intervention(s) that address the identified needs of students most disproportionately impacted.

<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Student Group</b>	<b>Number of Students Receiving Intervention</b>	<b>Brief Description of Intervention</b>
Headsprout	Children from Low-Income Families	6,200	HS & Raz-Foundational reading practice and application
Grapeseed	English Learners	85	Grape Seed-Foundational reading base for ELL learners
NWEA MAP Accelerator	Major Racial and Ethnic Groups	9,257	NWEA Map Accelerator Provides a customized learning path for math content based on MAP Rit scores.

Intervention	Student Group	Number of Students Receiving Intervention	Brief Description of Intervention

15. How will the LEA assess the success of the literacy program? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
PSSA and Keystone yearly state tests. NWEA MAP assessments. CDT Diagnostic Assessments. NSGRA diagnostic testing in elementary	Yearly	Increase in scores and student meeting a year's worth of growth.

**Section 3d - Other Learning Loss Activities:** LEAs are permitted to utilize the remainder of their allocation to support and/or supplement additional efforts being implemented to combat learning loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please use this section to describe those efforts.

\*This value can be **UP TO 52%** of the total allocation, if minimum values were used for other reserves.

16. Calculate 52% of the remaining LEA Allocation **AS A MAXIMUM** amount to fund Other Learning Loss Activities. (Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)

	Total LEA Allocation	Multiply by 52% (.52)	Maximum Allocation for Other Learning Loss Activities
<b>52% Other Learning Loss Activities</b>	1,255,052	52%	652,627

17. Describe the evidence-based instructional intervention(s) that address the identified needs of students most disproportionately impacted.

Intervention	Student Group	Number of Students Receiving Intervention	Brief Description of Intervention

<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Student Group</b>	<b>Number of Students Receiving Intervention</b>	<b>Brief Description of Intervention</b>
Small Group Instruction	Children from Low-Income Families	600	Summer School, After-school Tutoring, Credit recovery
Modified Curriculum	Major Racial and Ethnic Groups	765	Summer School, After-school Tutoring, Credit recovery
Small Group Instruction	English Learners	85	Summer School, After-school Tutoring, Credit recovery

18. How will the LEA assess the success of the learning loss activities? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

<b>Tool Used to Evaluate Success</b>	<b>Frequency of Use</b>	<b>Expected Results</b>
Classes remediated MAP/ CDT/ PSSA/ Keystones/ Graduation Rate/ Attendance	Yearly	Credits recovered, higher scores, higher graduation rate and attendance rates.

**Section: Budget - Social and Emotional Learning Budget**

Social and Emotional Learning Budget

**Budget**

\$1,255,052.00

**Allocation**

\$1,255,052.00

**Budget Over(Under) Allocation**

\$0.00

Enter your calculated value for the 30% Social and Emotional Learning set aside requirement. (Round Up to the whole dollar)

376,516

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	600 - Supplies	\$230,000.00	Positive Action SEL program
2200 - Staff Support Services	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	\$15,000.00	Diversity, Equity Training
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	600 - Supplies	\$131,516.00	Refresher Kits for Positive Action 23-24
		<b>\$376,516.00</b>	

**Section: Budget - Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development Budget**

Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development Budget

**Budget**

\$1,255,052.00

**Allocation**

\$1,255,052.00

**Budget Over(Under) Allocation**

\$0.00

Enter your calculated value for the 10% Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development set aside requirement. (Round Up to the whole dollar)

125,505

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
2200 - Staff Support Services	100 - Salaries	\$70,000.00	Salaries for staff for Positive Action PD
2200 - Staff Support Services	200 - Benefits	\$35,000.00	Benefits for staff for Positive Action PD
2200 - Staff Support Services	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	\$20,505.00	Train the trainer program provided by Positive Action
		<b>\$125,505.00</b>	

**Section: Budget - Reading Improvement Budget**

Reading Improvement Budget

**Budget**

\$1,255,052.00

**Allocation**

\$1,255,052.00

**Budget Over(Under) Allocation**

\$0.00

Enter your calculated value for the 8% Reading Improvement set aside requirement. (Round Up to the whole dollar)

100,404

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	600 - Supplies	\$100,404.00	Literacy Pro Subscription
		<b>\$100,404.00</b>	

**Section: Budget - Other Learning Loss Expenditures**

**Learning Loss Budget**

Calculate the remaining LEA Allocation amount to fund Other Learning Loss Activities. Please enter **Budget Totals** from the **SEL, SEL PD, and Reading Improvement budget sections** to determine what funds are remaining for Other Learning Loss Activities. Click Save to calculate the value, and then this budget section Total should be equal this amount. (Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)

	<b>Total LEA Allocation</b>	<b>30% SEL Budgeted Value</b>	<b>10% SEL PD Budgeted Value</b>	<b>8% Reading Improvement Budgeted Value</b>	<b>Remaining Allocation for Other Learning Loss Activities</b>
<b>Other Learning Loss Activities Amount</b>	1,255,052	376,516	125,505	100,404	652,627

**Learning Loss Expenditures**

**Budget**

\$1,255,052.00

**Allocation**

\$1,255,052.00

**Budget Over(Under) Allocation**

\$0.00

Budget Overview

<b>Function</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	600 - Supplies	\$152,000.00	Universal K-12 Assessment Screener
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	600 - Supplies	\$500,627.00	Library books K-12 and text books (Science)

Function	Object	Amount	Description
		<b>\$652,627.00</b>	

**Section: Budget - Budget Summary**

**BUDGET OVERVIEW**

**Budget**

\$1,255,052.00

**Allocation**

\$1,255,052.00

**Budget Over(Under) Allocation**

\$0.00

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
1000 Instruction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,114,547.00	\$0.00	\$1,114,547.00
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1300 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1400 Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1600 * ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1700 Higher								

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
<b>Education Programs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1800 Pre-K</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2000 SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2100 SUPPORT SERVICES – STUDENTS</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2200 Staff Support Services</b>	\$70,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,505.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$140,505.00
<b>2300 SUPPORT SERVICES – ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2400 Health Support Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2500 Business Support Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2600 Operation and Maintenance</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2700 Student Transportation</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2800 Central Support Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>3100 Food Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
<b>3200 Student Activities</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>3300 Community Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<b>\$70,000.00</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	<b>\$35,505.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,114,547.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,255,052.00</b>
<b>Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0652</b>								<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Final</b>								<b>\$1,255,052.00</b>