

## Response Summary:

**Q33. Please provide the top priorities the school district has determined as the most pressing needs for students and schools within the school district as a result or in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. You may elect between 1-3 priorities by checking the box and providing the text response.**

- Priority 1:  
Continue to meet the social and emotional needs of students by providing virtual therapy by a licensed social worker for all that choose to participate.
- Priority 2:  
To continue to address lost instructional time that has occurred since COVID-19 pandemic began. We plan to continue to provide a well-rounded education to include writing, music, arts, computer science, and career and technical education.
- Priority 3:  
We improved the air quality; a new ventilation system was installed in June 2022. Windows are scheduled to be installed in late December or early January of 2022-2023. This will provide a healthy, safe learning environment for the students and staff. Which meets our goals of reducing the spread of viruses; thus, keeping our students in the classroom with fewer interruptions due to illnesses. Window installation was completed 1/12/2023 as there were remaining funds in ESSER II it was decided we would submit the Outdoor Learning/Fitness project plan to OPI and the plan was approved on March 23 2023.

**Q42.**

### Goal Action Plan, Part 2:

**Identify what strategies/action steps will be used to support the achievement of the goals.**

**Describe a realistic and achievable timeline to achieve the goals.**

**Identify who is responsible to ensure the strategies/action steps are achieved.**

**Click the box and provide the text response for each applicable box.**

- Math Goal Strategies, Actions, Timelines, and Assignments:  
Using our evidence-based curriculum our Head Teachers' plan is to:  
Evaluate: On day one, students take the Grade-Level Pre-module Assessment, which helps the teacher identify gaps in foundational knowledge.  
Pre-module assessments will provide the teacher with a snapshot of the essential foundational knowledge a student has that will be needed in upcoming lessons. It will be standard practice to have students complete these assessments throughout the school year before beginning a new module.  
Plan: Using the Pre-module Assessment results from day one and throughout the year, the teacher will use the data for individual students and the class, to create learning groups of students with similar needs. Instruction will be planned and will also include supporting lessons and supporting fluencies as identified.  
Deliver: Informed by assessment results and driven by precise planning, the teacher will be able to differentiate instruction.  
Monitor: Using assessment data, problem practice, and planned instruction, the teacher can identify any knowledge gaps that could interfere with student success and provide just-in-time instruction to address those gaps.  
Maintain: The teacher can make sure students hold on to the content they've learned over the year by distributing a plan over the summer that is perfect for at-home use and a great way to involve families in student success.
- ELA Goal Strategies, Actions, Timelines, and Assignments:  
The Head Teacher will be resources based on the latest scientific evidence for our ELA program.  
Kindergarten  
Evaluate: On day one, students take the Grade-Level Pre-module Assessment, which helps the teacher identify gaps in foundational knowledge.  
Pre-module assessments will provide the teacher with a snapshot of the essential foundational knowledge a student has that will be needed in upcoming lessons. It will be standard practice to have students complete these assessments throughout the school year before beginning a new module.  
Plan: Using the Pre-module Assessment results from day one and throughout the year, the teacher will use the data for individual students and the class, to create learning groups of students with similar needs.  
Deliver: The Head Teacher will teach through explicit, systematic word work instruction carefully integrating foundational oral language, handwriting, spelling, vocabulary, and grammar skills to support a holistic understanding of language. Lessons begin with Daily Routines that reinforce and informally assess phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, blending (beginning in Unit 5), dictation, and handwriting skills.  
Monitor: Using assessment data, problem practice, and planned instruction, the teacher can identify any knowledge gaps that could interfere with student success and provide just-in-time instruction to address those gaps.

Maintain: The teacher can make sure students hold on to the content they've learned over the year by distributing a plan over the summer that is perfect for at-home use and a great way to involve families in student success.

Grades 1-2

Evaluate: On day one, students take the Grade-Level Pre-module Assessment, which helps the teacher identify gaps in foundational knowledge.

Pre-module assessments will provide the teacher with a snapshot of the essential foundational knowledge a student has that will be needed in upcoming lessons. It will be standard practice to have students complete these assessments throughout the school year before beginning a new module.

Plan: Using the Pre-module Assessment results from day one and throughout the year, the teacher will use the data for individual students and the class, to create learning groups of students with similar needs.

Deliver: Instruction provided through the Teacher's Guides will aid the Head Teacher in providing explicit, systematic instruction for phonics, spelling, structural analysis, grammar, vocabulary, and fluency skills.

Monitor: Using assessment data, problem practice, and planned instruction, the teacher can identify any knowledge gaps that could interfere with student success and provide just-in-time instruction to address those gaps.

Maintain: The teacher can make sure students hold on to the content they've learned over the year by distributing a plan over the summer that is perfect for at-home use and a great way to involve families in student success.

Grades 3-8

Evaluate: On day one, students take the Grade-Level Pre-module Assessments in Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics, Vocabulary, Spelling, and Written Expression, which helps the teacher identify gaps in foundational knowledge.

Pre-module assessments in each curricular area will provide the teacher with a snapshot of the essential foundational knowledge a student has that will be needed in upcoming lessons. It will be standard practice to have students complete these assessments throughout the school year before beginning a new module.

Plan: Using the Pre-module Assessment results from day one and throughout the year, the teacher will use the data for individual students and the class, to create learning groups of students with similar needs.

Deliver: The Head Teacher will teach through explicit, clear inter-dependent, skills-focused and to the point. A word study approach will be used rather than interdependent items. All instruction can be differentiated based on individual needs.

Monitor: Using assessment data, problem practice, and planned instruction, the teacher can identify any knowledge gaps that could interfere with student success and provide just-in-time instruction to address those gaps.

- Maintain: The teacher can make sure students hold on to the content they've learned over the year by distributing a plan over the summer that is perfect for at-home use and a great way to involve families in student success.

Other Goal (For example, SEL, Mental Health, Graduation Rates, Recruitment/Retention, Professional Development, Community and Family Engagement, etc.) Strategies, Actions, Timelines, and Assignments:

All our students, and parents are informed about support services available. Our goal to meet the social and emotional needs of our students will begin with us identifying and communicating the needs and supports of each of our students.

During the first week of school or when a new student enrolls, we will identify and provide access to well-being and mental health support for students through our contract with DotCom Therapy.

Plan: Our district has entered into a contract for a third year with DotCom therapy who provides individualized therapy for students via a platform during the school day.

Deliver: Each student that is identified needing services through a licensed therapist based on information provided by Head Teacher, parents, and students, will be scheduled the necessary time to meet with the therapist. The Head Teacher will work with the therapist and provide day to day supports as needed within the classroom.

Monitor: DotCom will be in contact with Head Teacher and provide quarterly feedback, without breaking confidentiality with the student, to the parents and Head Teacher.

Health:

Improve the air quality by installing a new ventilation system and windows, which will provide a healthy, safe learning environment for the students.

Q71.

**Goal Action Plan:**

**Please define your Math goal, English Language Arts (ELA) goal, and other goal, based on the priorities you identified.**

**Explain what instruments or methods will be used to monitor the progress of the goals and determine if the goals are met. Click the box and provide the text response for each applicable box.**

- **Math Goal:**  
We assess initially and monthly using Renaissance Learning for math assessments in conjunction with nationally normed Istation's Indicators of Progress (ISIP™) which measures student growth.  
Our math goals begin with an initial assessment of all students at the beginning of the year that align with Montana content standards. Then based on our data collection we identify each students current student proficiency.  
Next, we will incorporate the unfinished learning with the current grade level curriculum to ensure the student's are successful at grade level.
- **ELA Goal:**  
We assess initially and monthly using Renaissance Learning for ELA assessments in conjunction with nationally normed Istation's Indicators of Progress (ISIP™) which measures student growth.  
Our ELA goals begin with an initial assessment of all students at the beginning of the year that align with Montana content standards. Then based on our data collection we identify each students current student's proficiency.  
Next, we will incorporate the unfinished learning with the current grade level curriculum to ensure the students are successful at grade level.
- **Other Goal (For example, SEL, Mental Health, Graduation Rates, Recruitment/Retention, Professional Development, Community and Family Engagement, etc.):**  
All our students, and parents are informed about support services available. Our goal to meet the social and emotional needs of our students will begin with us identifying and communicating the needs and supports of each of our students.  
During the first week of school or when a new student enrolls, we will identify and provide access to well-being and mental health support for students through our contract with DotCom Therapy.  
In addition, our Head Teacher attends an annual professional development in Counseling through Montana Small Schools Alliance which provides them tools to support the day in and day out needs of the students.

**Q34. When you identified each of your district's priorities, what data points did you use? Please list any and all data sources, such as attendance, interim assessments, surveys, etc.**

Student data, Interim Assessments, Summative Assessments, Behavioral observations and parent communications.

**Q8. What is your school district phone number?**

406-295-9311

**Q11. Please indicate your role in the district.**

- Other (Please identify your role in the box below.):  
School Clerk

**Q14. For which of the following student groups do you have a distinct Math goal? Choose all that apply.**

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Free and Reduced Lunch
- White

**Q5. Please choose your county and district from the dropdown.**

<b>County</b>	Lincoln
<b>District</b>	Lincoln ~ Yaak Elem, LE0533

**Q26. What method(s) did you use to seek stakeholder input? Choose all that apply.**

- Public meetings
- Website
- Social media
- Other (please identify in the box below):  
Individual meetings with Parents, School Board Meetings

**Q6. Who is the Authorized Representative submitting this form?**

Diane Downey

**Q9. What is your AR email as shown in Egrants?**

schoolclerk@yaakschool.org

**Q25. ARP ESSER requires school districts to consult with a wide variety of stakeholders when developing a plan. Please select all of the following groups of stakeholders your district consulted and/or plans to consult.**

- Parents
- Students
- Teachers
- Staff
- Community members

**Q24. Please indicate which of the following student groups specifically referenced in ARP ESSER were more affected than others in your district. Choose all that apply.**

- Economically Disadvantaged (Free and Reduced Lunch)
- White
- American Indian or Alaska Native

**Q64. For which of the following student groups do you have a distinct goal other than Math or ELA? Choose all that apply.**

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Free and Reduced Lunch
- White

**Q63. For which of the following student groups do you have a distinct English Language Arts (ELA) goal? Choose all that apply.**

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Free and Reduced Lunch
- White

**Montana School District ARP ESSER Plan Update**

This tool allows districts to update their ARP ESSER plans at any point. Updates must be completed at least once every six months.

***Federal Requirement***

The US Department of Education (USED) required the OPI to establish a process for district plans consistent with the ARP ESSER requirements for the use of ARP ESSER funds and ensure plans be made available to the public, within no later than 90 days after a district received its ARP ESSER allocation (August 24, 2021). The requirements for the school district plans include, at a minimum, how districts will:

1. use funds to implement prevention and mitigation strategies;
2. use the funds totaling not less than 20% to address lost instructional time;
3. spend its remaining 80% of ARP ESSER funds;
4. respond to needs of student disproportionately affected by the pandemic; and
5. meaningfully engage with and consult stakeholders in crafting their plans.

Each of these federally required components are embedded into this school district ARP ESSER plan.

In addition, the USED requires the OPI to support and monitor each school district's use of ARP ESSER funds, including:

- i. implementation of evidence-based interventions;
  - ii. address the student groups specifically that were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic; and
  - iii. identify, reengage, and support students who have experienced the impact of lost instructional time.
- The plan will provide the information necessary for the OPI to support and monitor school districts as they move forward.

***State Components***

Throughout this school district ARP ESSER plan, the OPI has emphasized local control and coordination of state

initiatives and requirements so that school districts can identify and innovate solutions for unique local needs and priorities. These components are embedded in the school district ARP ESSER plan. Additionally, the OPI will seek flexibility from the Board of Public Education to use the Goals section of this plan in place of the Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP).

Initial ARP-ESSER plans were developed through the use of a template. This plan update tool will provide districts with their most recent plan submission presented with the same fields and sections as their initial plan.

The sections of this tool match the sections of the template provided for districts to use for the creation of their plans.

The template sections are as follows:

1. School District-Identified Priorities
2. Meaningful Consultation
3. Goals
4. Coordinating Funds
5. Creating Safe and Healthy Learning Environment
6. Addressing Lost Instructional Time
7. Supporting the Educator Workforce
8. Monitoring and Measuring Impact of ARP ESSER funds

**Prior to updating your school district ARP ESSER plan, consider the following:**

What data do you have available to you to measure the impact of your work and guide plan adjustments?

What feedback have you received from stakeholders around your plan and/or your plan implementation?

What steps have you taken to engage stakeholders in your update process?

**Instructions for updating your school district ARP ESSER plan**

- Review the information in each field to verify that it matches the information you have at the local level. In the event that there is a difference please update any impacted fields during your update process.
- It is recommended that you complete your plan revision in a single sitting. If you are unable to do this please click through to the end of the survey and note on the final page that this submission represents an unfinished update draft.
- After you hit submit you will receive an email that contains a link that you can use for your next update. If you were submitting a draft update please be sure to return to complete your draft before the deadline.

**Resources to help with completing your plan**

- [Curriculum Selection](#)
- [Acceleration Guidance](#)
- [ESSA Tiers of Evidence](#)
- [Gap Analysis Tool](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education FAQ - ESSER/GEERS](#)
- [FAQ's of Maintenance of Equity Requirements](#)
- [Montana Office of Public Instruction ESSER website](#)
- [SEL Priorities](#)

**Next Steps:**

- When you submit your update you will receive a confirmation email that contains a link to access a PDF of your plan submission and a link to complete your next update.

Please review the information in these fields and verify that it reflects the submission of this update.

**Q74. Describe the stakeholder consultation that was completed to inform this update. Include dates, locations, and links where relevant.**

The stakeholder consultations that were completed to inform this update were: Consultations were done with Individual meetings with Parents and students, School Board Meetings. Staff is consulted individually and again at Board Meetings. Social Media – Facebook page and Yaak Community Page are routinely updated if needed. Website Yaak School District – Yaak, Montana Elementary School reopening plan is updated as required. At all monthly School Board Meetings the ESSER ARP Plan is a standing agenda item. These meetings are held at school, a public consensus is taken as to whether there is a need to update the plan.

**Q75. Please write a summary statement describing this update. Example: "This submission reflects our first update of our plan in November of 2021"**

This submission reflects an update, which is a collaboration of students, parents, community members, staff members and Board of Trustee's, that were in attendance at our regularly publicized, monthly board meetings, February 15, 2023.

**1. School District-Identified Priorities**

**2. Meaningful Consultation**

**3. Goals**

**Q15. Describe your Math goal for each identified student group.**

Our math evidence-based assessments begin with an initial assessment of all students at the beginning of the year that align with Montana math content standards to ensure all student groups are assessed. Next, we collect data on a monthly basis to identify each student's current student proficiency, growth, or lack of growth. Then, we incorporate the unfinished learning with the current grade level curriculum to ensure the students are successful at grade level. Any students that are struggling or are below grade level are provided additional differentiated instruction at instructional level. All student groups are provided instruction at both levels if required, based off of assessments and classroom observations. Our goal is for struggling students to improve at least 10% each month.

**Q16. Describe your ELA goal for each identified student group.**

Our ELA evidence-based assessments begin with an initial assessment of all students at the beginning of the year that align with Montana ELA content standards to ensure all student groups are assessed. Next, we collect data on a monthly basis to identify each student's current student proficiency, growth, or lack of growth. Then, we incorporate the unfinished learning with the current grade level curriculum to ensure the students are successful at grade level. Any students that are struggling or are below grade level are provided additional differentiated instruction at instructional level. All student groups are provided instruction at both levels if required, based off of assessments and classroom observations. Our goal is for struggling students to improve at least 10% each month.

**Q65. Describe your Other goal for each identified student group.**

Our goal to meet the social and emotional needs of our students will begin with us identifying and communicating the needs and supports of each of our students. During the first week of school or when a new student enrolls, we will identify and provide access to well-being and mental health support for students through our contract with DotCom Therapy. Plan: Provide therapy through individualized therapy sessions for students via a platform during the school day. Deliver: Each student that is identified needing services through a licensed therapist based on information provided by Head Teacher, parents, and students, will be scheduled the necessary time to meet with the therapist. The Head Teacher will work with the therapist and provide day to day supports as needed within the classroom. Monitor: DotCom will be in contact with Head Teacher and provide quarterly feedback, without breaking confidentiality with the student, to the parents and Head Teacher. Our goal is for the students to learn how to self-regulate by understanding how to manage their behavior and reactions to feelings and things happening around them. To include being able to: regulate reactions to strong emotions like frustration, excitement, anger, and embarrassment. calm down after something exciting or upsetting.

**4. Coordinating Funds**

Identify other federal funding that you are coordinating with ARP ESSER funds to most effectively use funds to address student needs.

**Q60. Did you coordinate ARP ESSER funds with other federal funds to address student needs?**

- Yes

## 5. Creating Safe and Healthy Learning Environments

Determine if ARP funds will be used to **implement prevention and mitigation strategies**, to the greatest extent practicable, in order to continuously operate schools for in-person learning.

**Q12. If you are planning to use ARP ESSER funds for prevention and/or mitigation strategies, please select the evidence-based practices below and/or describe an additional practice in the Other box.**

- Mental health supports
- Social emotional learning
- Academic support
- Other (please identify in the box below):  
Being physically active is one of the most important actions people of all ages can take to enhance their overall health. The current equipment on school grounds consist of a swing set with an attached slide. A well-designed fitness area gives kids the opportunity to experience heart-healthy cardiovascular activities and strength training exercises through the right level of fitness equipment and courses at the right level of challenges and accessible by all abilities. According to Doris Bergen, a professor at Miami University's Department of Educational Psychology, "Play is one of the main ways that children really consolidate their learning. The way we really make our skills permanent and enriched and highly developed, is often through our play experiences."
- Providing safe, healthy, inclusive learning environments.
- Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities
- School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.
- Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and nonmechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door repair and replacement

## 6. Addressing Lost Instructional Time

Describe how the school district will use ARP ESSER funds it reserves under Section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act to **address lost instruction time** through the implementation of evidence-based interventions. The district must spend a minimum of 20% of ARP ESSER funds. The full implementation of the evidence-based interventions should be considered including personnel, materials, equipment, professional development, and expenses needed to meet the needs of students. Other evidenced-based practices may be utilized if the intervention meets one of the four tiers of evidence. Evidence-based practices may be found at [OPI's Multi-Tiered Systems of Support](#) page.

**Q21. How do you plan to spend the required 20% set-aside to address lost instructional time? Choose all evidence-based practices that apply.**

- SEL learning supports
- Evidenced-based curriculum
- Accelerating learning through instructional approaches: In-school acceleration-Certified educators provide support for students within the classroom and grade-level work, using high-quality instructional materials, instructional strategies, and formative assessments.
- Access to and effective use of technology
- Administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable, to accurately assess students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiating instruction
- Providing information and assistance to parents and families on how they can effectively support students
- Using data about students opportunity to learn indicators to help target resources and support

**Q48. How do you plan to use the remaining 80% for the allowable uses of funds related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19 as required by ESSER I, II, and III? See page 5 of the ARP ESSER Fact Sheet for more information. Choose all evidence-based practices that apply.**

- SEL learning supports  
Evidenced-based curriculum  
Accelerating learning through instructional approaches: In-school acceleration-Certified educators provide
- support for students within the classroom and grade-level work, using high-quality instructional materials,
- instructional strategies, and formative assessments.  
Access to and effective use of technology  
Administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable, to accurately assess students'
- academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through
- differentiating instruction
- Providing information and assistance to parents and families on how they can effectively support students
- Mental health supports  
Providing safe, healthy, inclusive learning environments
- Training and professional development for staff of the local educational agency on sanitation and minimizing
- the spread of infectious diseases  
Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities
- School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.  
Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and nonmechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door repair and replacement.

## **7. Supporting the Educator Workforce**

Determine if ARP funds will be used to support and stabilize the educator workforce consistent with Section 2001 (e) (2) of the ARP Act.

**Q51. How do you plan to use ARP funds to support and stabilize the educator workforce? Choose all that apply.**

- Additional pay for additional work

**Q58.**

**Please provide the estimated number of jobs (FTEs) that have been or will be created by the school district through the district's planned use of ESSER III Funds.**

0

**Q59.**

**Please provide the estimated number of jobs (FTEs) that have been or will be retained by the LEA through the LEA's planned use of ESSER III Funds.**

0

## **8. Monitoring and Measuring Impact of ARP ESSER funds**

**Q53. How will the District monitor the impact of the ARP ESSER funded interventions or strategies, including but not limited to the 20% set-aside, to respond effectively to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted?**

The district will monitor the impact of the ARP ESSER funded interventions and strategies using the data identified below to monitor our goals and outcomes.

**Q23. Please indicate the type of data you are obtaining and using to monitor outcomes.**

- Interim Formative Assessment
- Summative assessments
- Student engagement
- Access to technology
- Educator PD on technology
- Access to and preparation of high-quality educators
- Access to mental health and nursing staff
- Health protocols



**You have reached the end of the LEA ARP ESSER Plan Update Tool.**

Please take a moment to verify that your plan is fully updated. This is your last opportunity to use the back buttons to update or edit your responses before submitting.

When you are ready to submit please respond to the items below to ensure that the OPI is able to process your submission.

**Q77. Please select the statement below that accurately describes your role:**

- I am the Authorized Representative for this district.

**Q78. Please select the statement below that accurately describes this submission:**

- Other:  
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**Q79. Please Sign Here**

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**Q67. If you are planning to develop or use approaches that are novel to achieve your Math, ELA, or other goal, would you be willing to have the OPI share your approaches with state and federal entities? If so, please briefly describe your innovation below.**

N/A

**Q57. Please select each type of federal funding you are coordinating with ARP ESSER funds to most effectively use funds to address student needs.**

- Title IV, Part A of the ESEA (Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants)

**Q68. If you are planning to develop or use approaches that are novel to implement prevention and mitigation strategies, would you be willing to have the OPI share your approaches with state and federal entities? If so, please briefly describe your innovation below.**

N/A

**Q70. If you are planning to develop or use approaches that are novel to address lost instructional time, would you be willing to have the OPI share your approaches with state and federal entities? If so, please briefly describe your innovation below.**

N/A

**Q69. If you are planning to develop or use approaches that are novel to support and stabilize the educator workforce, would you be willing to have the OPI share your approaches with state and federal entities? If so, please briefly describe your innovation below.**

N/A

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