Idaho’s draft plan for K-12 American Rescue Plan funds posted for public review

(BOISE) – Under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, Idaho will receive $439,942,041 for K-12 public education, and the State Department of Education seeks public comment on its working draft plan for the use of these funds as required by the U.S. Department of Education.

Each state is required to write a plan describing, among other things, the current education needs within the state, the intended uses of ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds, and plans for supporting school districts and charter schools in spending those funds. States received a plan template on April 21.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra’s staff have been working with stakeholders to develop a working draft of the plan, which will be posted on the SDE website through June 1, 2021. The superintendent’s office must submit the completed plan to the U.S. Department of Education by June 7.

While this timeline is very short, input from stakeholders and members of the public is important. Please take some time to review the working draft plan and provide feedback through the Idaho ARP ESSER State Plan Public Comment form.

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