



## Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools

### ARP-ESSER Funding Plan A

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#### Introduction

The 2021-22 enacted state budget includes language requiring local education agencies, such as school districts, that receive funding from the Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund allocated by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP-ESSER) to post on its website a plan of how these funds will be spent.

New York has been allocated nearly \$9 billion in ARP-ESSER funds, with a minimum of \$8.09 billion (90 percent) going to local education agencies, including public schools. **Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools has been allocated \$1,916,796.**

When reviewing the plan, it is important to know that a minimum of 20% of the District's allocation must be used to measure and address lost instructional time as a result of the pandemic.

In addition, the funding comes with very specific guidelines on allowable usage. **We are unable to use any of the funds to offset our tax levy or general fund budget.**

Prior to posting the plan on our website, the District shared the plan with the HW 2025 Implementation Team, consisting of Board of Education members, administrators, teachers, staff, parents, students, and community members. Their comments and thoughtful opinions contributed to the development of the final plan.

**Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools will utilize the ARP-ESSER Funding in the following ways:**

**Purchase of educational technology**

Plan Summary: The District plans to utilize a portion of the allocation to purchase software to assess and address learning gaps. This may include new software or software that will expand upon our existing programs.

This may also include personalized learning tools that map assessment data with specific learning paths to support student needs.

**Supporting early childhood education.**

Plan Summary: The District plans to utilize a portion of ARP-ESSER funds to augment the Universal Pre-K funding we receive from the State. Twenty percent of the ARP ESSER funds will be used in each of four years. This will allow HWPS to provide FREE, full-day pre-kindergarten to 90 students per year for a period of four years.

This would include the salaries and benefits for teachers and support staff. It will also include any needed instructional materials.

Following the initial four years of the program, the District will assume full financial responsibility outside of the UPK allocation each year.

*For questions or comments on the District's intended use of the ARP-ESSER allocation, please contact Mrs. Marie Donnelly at (516) 792-4803.*