



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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RE: ARP ESSER – Tydings Extension

The Arizona Department of Education intends to consolidate ARP ESSER and ARP-HCY Funds into the current ESEA Consolidated Administration. The following programs are consolidated administrative funds for the Arizona Department of Education:

- Title I Part A
- Title I Part C
- Title I Part D, Subpart 1
- Title II Part A
- Title III Part A
- Title IV Part B
- Title IV Part B
- Title V Part B, Subpart 2

Pursuant to section 8401 of the ESEA of 1965, the Arizona Department of Education is requesting a Tydings Waiver to extend the availability of Administrative Funds until March 31, 2026.

This waiver will advance student academic achievement by addressing the ongoing administrative costs associated with ARP ESSER that would have diverted resources from services to LEAs, schools, teachers, and students. By extending the administrative funds until March 31, 2026, The Arizona Department of Education will be able to utilize the resources available more responsibly and effectively. We will be able to continue monitoring the use of funds expended during the Liquidation Extension period and allow administration of continuing programs that provide for tutoring, school improvement, and other services that enhance student achievement. Students have not fully recouped COVID-related learning loss and the Arizona Department of Education is working to ensure that students, teachers, schools, and LEAs receive the support they need to further recover from the pandemic.

Additionally, this waiver will allow the Arizona Department of Education to focus its resources on meeting students' needs, including those that are most impacted by the pandemic, such as the Homeless and Migrant populations, Indigenous students, students with disabilities, and students in low-performing and/or low-income schools. By continuing our administration of the program, ADE will be able to support these schools as they apply for liquidation extensions and as they complete their



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liquidation, ensuring that remaining ESSER money is spent effectively in ways that will improve academic outcomes for our highest-need students.

The Arizona Department of Education assures that all consolidated administrative funds under the above-mentioned programs will be used in accordance with the provisions of all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications not subject to this waiver.

The Arizona Department of Education further assures that it has provided the public and all LEAs in the State with notice of, and the opportunity to comment on, this request by posting information regarding the waiver request and the process for commenting on the State Website in the manner in which it customarily provides such notice and opportunity for comment.

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