



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

May 30, 2024

The Honorable Tom Horne
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Arizona Department of Education
1535 West Jefferson Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Superintendent Horne:

I am writing in response to Arizona's March 26, 2024, request to the U.S. Department of Education (Department) to amend Section D of its approved American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) State plan. In its submission, the Arizona Department of Education proposed amending its plan to expand its allowable uses of funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time. Arizona also proposed a training program for foreign national teachers. As a reminder, the proposed programs under the ARP ESSER State plan must comply with all Federal and State requirements including The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) (8 U.S.C. § 1611).

Upon review, I have determined that the amended request continues to meet the ARP ESSER statutory and regulatory requirements and addresses all ARP ESSER State plan elements under Section D. Accordingly, I am approving Arizona's amended ARP ESSER State plan. In addition, Arizona amended Sections C.2 (Coordinating Funds) and D.4 (Emergency Needs); Department approval of these changes is not required.

This letter, as well as Arizona's revised ARP ESSER State plan, will be posted on the Department's website, [here](#). Any further requests to amend Arizona's ARP ESSER State plan must be submitted to the Department for review and approval.

Thank you for the work Arizona is doing to implement its ARP ESSER State plan. If you need any assistance regarding implementation of your plan, please contact your program officer at Arizona.OESE@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

Adam Schott
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
Delegated the Authority to Perform the
Functions and Duties of the Assistant Secretary
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education