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The Township of Union Public Schools will submit the ESSER Performance Report in EWEG for the period of 7/1/21 through 6/30/22 as mandated by the New Jersey Department of Education.

X The Township of Union Public Schools will submit the ARP ESSER Safe Return Plan, to be completed by the district every six months in EWEG, to remain compliant in receiving ESSER related funding.

Applicant: 39 5290 Union Township -
Union

ARP Safe Return Plan ▾

Application: ARP Safe Return Plan - 00-
Cycle: Amendment 2

Project Period: 9/1/2021 -
8/31/2022

Assurances

American Rescue Plan of 2021

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP- ESSER)

- By checking this box and saving the page, the applicant hereby certifies that he/she has read, understood and will comply with the assurances listed below that will apply to any subsequent application amendments of all federal programs in which the LEA participates.

The Local Educational Agency (LEA) hereby assures the New Jersey Department of Education that:

1. The LEA, as a recipient of funds under the ARP understands the general assurances agreed to in the GMS system also apply to the ARP funds.
2. The LEA, as a recipient of federal funds under the ARP will determine the most important educational needs as a result of COVID-19, propose a timeline for providing services and assistance to students and staff, determine the extent to which the LEA intends to use funds awarded under the ARP to promote the authorized purposes and uses, and determine how the LEA intends to assess and address student learning loss resulting from the disruption in educational services. This information should be documented by the LEA and be available upon request by the NJDOE;
3. The LEA will ensure that funds awarded under the ARP are used for activities allowable under section 2001. All activities and expenditures must be reasonable, necessary, allocable under section 2001 and meet the purpose of the ARP, to prepare for, prevent and respond to COVID-19. Further, the LEA, as a recipient of funds under section 2001 of the ARP, will reserve not less than twenty percent (20%) of such funds to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs, and ensure that such interventions respond to the students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on the student subgroups described in section 1111(b)(2)(B)(xi) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of

1965 (20 USC § 6311(b)(2)(B)(xi), students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care;

4. The LEA, as a recipient of funds under section 2001 of the ARP agrees to develop and comply with the requirements for a safe return to in-person instruction as required in section 2001(e) of the ARP;
5. The LEA will use such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid to the LEA under the ARP. LEA will utilize Grants Management System (EWEG) to budget and report financial expenditures relating to ESSER funds provided under the ARP. Further, upon request by NJDOE, the LEA will provide documentation to support claims for expenditures, including expenditure ledgers, invoices, receipts and documentation to support purchases and proof of services received;
6. The LEA will adopt and use proper methods of administering funds received under the ARP Act, including:
 - A. The enforcement of any obligations imposed by law on agencies, institutions, organizations, and other recipients responsible for carrying out each federal award; and
 - B. The correction of deficiencies in operations that are identified through audits, monitoring, or evaluation.
7. The LEA will ensure that any and all internet connectivity purchases are in compliance with the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA);
8. The LEA, as a recipient of funds under the ARP will comply with the provisions of all applicable acts, regulations and assurances, including the New Jersey School Code, the New Jersey Administrative Code, orders and guidance from the New Jersey State Department of Education, NJDOE State Board of Education, and the following provisions of Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) 34 CFR parts 76, 77, 81, 82, 84, 97, 98, and 99; the OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485; and the Uniform Guidance in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3474.

Assurances Fully Agreed to By:

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Assurances Fully Agreed To: 3/14/2023

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ARP Safe Return Plan

Project Period: 9/1/2021 - 8/31/2022

Safe Return Plan Updated

Safe Return Plan text and assurances must be agreed to every six months.

Date Plan Updated

Describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The Township of Union Public Schools will ensure continuity of services in several ways each school year. The school district will leverage federal funding made available to expand academic and enrichment opportunities throughout the school year. Teachers will differentiate instruction to address student's specific learning gaps. Faculty will be responsible for integrating activities that emphasize social and emotional well-being. Academic needs of students will continue to be assessed using diagnostic and formative assessments and supportive programs and resources such as but not limited to after school programs, summer programs, enrichment classes, credit recovery programs and transition programs. Social emotional learning will be demonstrated through lessons, wellness teams, SEL labs, mentoring programs and counseling focused on enhancing relationships and connections between all stakeholders.

Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan, and how it took those public comment into account in the development of its plan. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The Township of Union Public Schools requested public comment prior to the development of the Safe Return Plan. The district has developed the Emergency Virtual Instruction Program Policy 2022-2023 and the Township of Union Public School District Checklist for ER Preparedness Plan 2022-2023. Both documents and policies are located on the Township of Union Public School website for all parents and guardians to view along with distribution to all stakeholders.

Describe how the LEA ensured that the plan is in an understandable and uniform format; is to the extent practicable written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, will be orally translated for such a parent; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, will be provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

All documentation regarding the Safe Return Plan is provided to the stakeholders, staff and families via the district website and various social media outlets. The district website contains a translation feature. In addition, a translation (oral or written) or alternative format (video or audio) may be provided upon the request if a parent with limited English proficiency and/or individual with a disability as defined by the ADA requests such. All requests should be made to the respective building principal.

Briefly describe any guidance, professional learning, and technical assistance opportunities the LEA will make available to its schools. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The Township of Union Public Schools will continue to provide support to all students, families and staff members in order to successfully implement technology. The district provided 1:1 technology in order to enhance instruction within all grade levels. The school district technology department coordinates ongoing professional development and trainings throughout the school year for all students, staff and families. The professional development provides information on various instructional technology platforms and strategies. In addition, EdCamps and professional development are coordinated within the district to all staff members through various outside educational consultants.

Provide current link to the district's website where the plan is posted.

By checking this box and saving the page, the applicant hereby certifies that they will assure that the information contained in the Safe Return to School plans will be updated within this system every 6 months during this grant project period.

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