

2023-24

American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Foundation Aid Increase

May 23, 2023

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

Section 10-d of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021, as amended by §5-b of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, requires school districts receiving a foundation aid increase of more than 10% or \$10,000,000 to create plans on how these funds will be used to address student performance and need.

ARP Act of 2021 *(continued)*

Each district subject to this requirement is required to:

- Seek public comment from parents, teachers, and other stakeholders;
- Take public comments into account;
- Include an analysis of public comments within the plan;
- Describe in the plan how the foundation aid increase will be used;
- Post the plan on the district website; and
- Submit the plan to the State Education Department.

Proposed Use of Funds

DFUFSD Allocation of Foundation Aid is \$1,417,089

- Adds elementary special education classes and associated teachers and teaching assistants
- Adds *Primary Project* program for students in grades K-3
- Maintains a full-time student assistance counselor
- Maintains current personnel previously paid for through federal funding including:
 - School psychologist
 - Part-time AIS teacher
 - Kindergarten teaching assistants

Proposed Use of Funds *(continued)*

- Adds a K-5 Coordinator of Student Support Services administrative position
- Fills vacant evening security staff position at the middle school
- Adds part-time cafeteria monitors at Springhurst
- Supports additional facilities maintenance initiatives
- Expansion of tutoring options for students in K-12

Public Comment Welcomed

Anyone wishing to make comments regarding the proposed American Rescue Plan can do so by emailing their comments to boemeetingcomment@dfsd.org Please include your name and address.