



Flemington-Raritan Regional School District
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Dear Flemingington-Raritan Regional School District Staff, Faculty, Parents and Community Members,

In March 2021 President Biden signed the Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP Act), Public Law 117-2, into law. The ARP Act provides an additional \$122 billion in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) to States and school districts to help safely reopen, sustain the safe operation of schools, and address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the nation's students.

As with the previous ESSER funds available under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA), the purpose of the additional funding is to support school districts in preparing for and responding to the impacts of COVID-19 on educators, students, and families.

As required by the New Jersey Department of Education, each school district that receives ARP ESSER funds to develop and make publicly available on the school district's website, no later than 30 days after receiving ARP ESSER funds, a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services for all schools (Safe Return Plan). A Safe Return Plan is required of all fund recipients, including those that have already returned to in-person instruction. Section 2001(i)(2) of the ARP Act further requires that a school district seek public comment on the Safe Return Plan and take those comments into account when finalizing the Safe Return Plan.

Pursuant to those requirements, the school district must submit to the NJDOE and post on their website their Safe Return Plans by June 24, 2021. A draft of the plan is [linked here](#) for parents to review and provide public comment. The District is seeking public input on its plan at this time. [An online form is linked here](#). Input will be received until June 18th, and at that time, results will be reviewed by senior leadership and the plan will be presented publicly to the Board of Education at the June 21, 2021 meeting. The public portion of the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Sincerely,

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