Date: January 18, 2023

To: Local Educational Agency Leads

From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner

Division of Educational Services

Deadlines: See Registration Deadlines Below

Announcing the Continuation of the ARP ESSER Roundtable Series

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) roundtables are intended to be an information delivery system, designed to inform and assist districts with new and innovative ideas and ways to utilize their ESSER funds more effectively. Districts have repeatedly requested the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) provide a platform where districts can network and brainstorm ideas. The NJDOE's Division of Educational Services will continue to offer ARP ESSER roundtables to allow districts the opportunity to learn new innovative ways they can utilize their funds in a meaningful manner.

Format

The one-hour virtual gatherings will consist of a combination of four 15-minute sessions. The sessions will include an introductory ARP ESSER Presentation with a new focus each month, a review of allowable uses of funds presentation by NJDOE staff, with a new program office's presentation each month. In addition, there will be a presentation each month by three districts, showcasing their individual, new and/or innovative approaches and ending with a brief Q&A session.

Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, January 25, 2023 (Registration Deadline: Friday, January 20, 2023)
- Wednesday, February 15, 2023 (Registration Deadline: Friday, February 10, 2023)
- Wednesday, March 22, 2023 (Registration Deadline: Friday, March 17, 2023)
- o Wednesday, April 19, 2023 (Registration Deadline: Friday, April 14, 2023)
- Wednesday, May 10, 2023 (Registration Deadline: Friday, May 5, 2023)
- Wednesday, June 21, 2023 (Registration Deadline: Friday, June 16, 2023)

The scheduled roundtables will cover a wide array of topics including, but not limited to, best practices in integrating and sustaining federal funds, all while maximizing the potential uses of these ARP ESSER funds.

Registration and Information

Registration is required through the NJDOE Calendar of Events.

For questions, contact Dr. A. Charles Wright, Executive Director/Deputy Assistant Commissioner, or Peggy Porche.

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