

Upper West Shore Elem. School District #33, Dayton Elementary School

Review of Safe Return Plan American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds

Dear Community Education Stakeholders,

On March 24, 2021, the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) received from the U.S. Department of Education (USED) the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Funds, authorized under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. The ARP-ESSER provides funding (ESSER III) for Upper West Shore to safely reopen and sustain safe operations of schools while meeting the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. This marks the 3rd round of ESSER funding that our district has received and is available through September 2024.

Following the release of the ARP-ESSER funding, on July 1, 2021 the OPI issued an application template for Districts to share how they will work with stakeholders to leverage ARP ESSER funds to support and positively impact student learning. The following guidance and timelines were set by the OPI in compliance with Federal regulations:

- **June 24, 2021.** Within 30 days of receiving ARP ESSER allocation. Districts must develop and make publicly available a Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan.
- **July 1, 2021.** District ARP ESSER Plan Template made available to LEAs
- **August 24, 2021.** Districts submit ARP ESSER Plans to the State within 90 days after receiving its ARP ESSER allocation, and also POST on school website.

Therefore, the UWS – Dayton Elementary is seeking public comment on the Safe Return Plan via a short survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X23LPNK> . Please note that responses will be considered formal public comment.

We have also scheduled time on the Agenda at every monthly School Board meeting, and a Community meeting after the church service at the Dayton Presbyterian Church on Dec. 12 at 10:00 a.m. to seek additional public input. Additionally, please see below contact information for individual input to be shared with the Lake County Supt. of Schools who is required to report back to OPI.

Any comments or questions on the District ARP ESSER Plan for Safe Return for Dayton Elementary should be directed to Lake County Supt. of Schools, please call 406-883-7262, or email: lacosupt@lakemt.gov for any additional comments after filling out the survey.