



In Summer of 2021, Great Oaks Charter School - New York City, became eligible to apply for additional funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in order to mitigate learning loss and support students and their families as we navigate these unprecedented times.

On March 11, 2021, the President signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). ARP makes available \$122.8 billion nationally in a third round of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. New York State has been allocated nearly \$9 billion under the ARP Act's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. The ARP Act requires that a minimum of \$8.09 billion (90 percent) be allocated to Learning Education Agencies, including charter schools, such as Great Oaks Charter School - New York City.

Great Oaks Charter School - New York City has taken a strategic approach in developing a multi-year plan for utilizing ARP ESSER funding. The school's plan is designed to meet the needs of all students in the school community including students from all economic backgrounds, ethnicities, in addition to students with disabilities, students in transient homes and/or foster care, and English Language Learners in ways that include:

- Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of Great Oaks Charter School - NYC, to pandemic related outbreaks;
- Investing in educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students that aid in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and teachers;
- Providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence based full-service community schools;
- Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and enrichment and supplemental after-school programs; and
- Addressing the academic impact of lost instructional time among an LEA's students.

The allocation of these funds have been discussed at its publicly accessible board meeting in September 2021, and feedback was welcomed. These funds are extraordinarily helpful in ensuring that the school's strategies for addressing unfinished learning resulting from Covid-19 are prioritized and well-resourced.

Further details of the ESSER ARP plan are available by request; please email ssmith@greatoakscharter.org.