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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #260-22**

DATE: November 4, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: Updated School Division ESSER Spending Plans Due December 31, 2022

On October 24, 2022, Governor Glenn Youngkin and state education leaders presented to the public a [summary](#) of the 2022 National Assessment of Education Progress data for Virginia. The data indicate that Virginia had the most significant declines in reading and mathematics in the nation. [Our Commitment to Virginia's Children](#) is a seven step action plan to reverse the downward path of declining achievement and ensure that all children in Virginia have the tools and support structure to get back on track.

In Action Seven of the action plan, Governor Youngkin challenges school divisions to spend all of their remaining Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds on proven efforts to recover learning, such as: supplementing learning through instruction before school, after school, on weekends, and in the summer; providing direct support to families to access tutoring; extending the school year; and rewarding those teachers and schools that make the greatest impact on student learning with performance bonuses. Action Seven also directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to require all school divisions to reengage the public in consultation and to update their American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER spending plans by **December 31, 2022**.

To meet the requirement to update the ARP ESSER spending plan, each school division/Local Educational Agency (LEA) must complete all sections of the attached template. The

completed template must be made publically available on the LEA website by December 31, 2022. The Office of Federal Pandemic Relief Programs will monitor the public posting of updated plans on LEA websites and the alignment of updated plans with LEAs' applications for ARP ESSER funds.

For more information

Questions about this template should be directed to ydoefederalrelief@doe.virginia.gov.

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- A. Attachment: [School Division/LEA ESSER Spending Plan](#) (DOCX)