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In Georgia, we'll be using ARP funds to support **student learning**, address lost **learning opportunities**, ensure safe school environments, and **expand resources and supports** for student mental health and wellbeing.

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Priority #1: Accelerate Learning

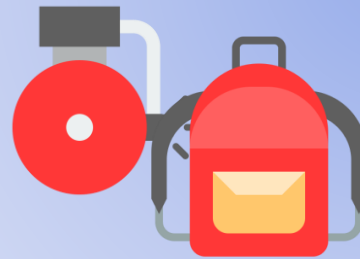
Identify Learning Opportunities



Providing state and regional-level **Academic Recovery Specialists** to help school leaders and educators address gaps in learning.



Modernizing information systems to support academic progress and achievement; **protecting student privacy** and ensuring **cybersecurity**.



Increasing **summer and afterschool learning** through **BOOST grants**; partnering with the Georgia Afterschool Network (GSAN)

Focus on the Fundamentals



Supporting a statewide **literacy metric** and **district literacy plans**.



Developing **personalized literacy & numeracy plans** for students; **tiering supports** for students to meet their individual needs.

Remove Barriers to Learning



Adding state-level support for **school nurses, school psychologists, school social workers, wraparound services & military families**.



Establishing **school-based clinics** for students in rural areas and partnering to expand **hearing, vision, and other screenings**.



Providing **mental health awareness training** for educators to identify suicidal thoughts, abuse, and trauma experienced by students.



Providing supports and resources for **school counselors and school nurses**.

Priority #2: Personalize Supports

Provide High-Quality Resources



Developing **instructional supports** (resources/videos, and professional learning) in **Social Studies, Science, English Lang. Arts, & Math.**



Creating/curating virtual instructional resources with **Digital Content Specialists** and adding a state-level **Library Media Specialist.**



Providing supports and therapeutic services for **Students with Disabilities;** instructional supports for **English Language Learners.**

Provide Relevant Professional Learning



Providing **on-demand** access to online **professional learning opportunities** through a statewide learning management system (LMS)



Supporting virtual **Professional Learning Communities** for all Georgia educators; **facilitated by expert teachers & leaders.**

Elevate Educators



Enhancing state recruitment **tools and resources** for teachers and leaders that can be leveraged by local school districts.



Covering the costs of **teaching endorsements** in critical areas and **tuition for teachers entering the profession** through GaTAPP.



Providing **credentialing for teacher mentors** and helping districts develop **quality teacher induction programs.**



Strengthening **Grow Your Own** efforts by increasing student access to the **Teaching as a Profession** career pathway.

Priority #3: Promote Opportunity

Expand Opportunity



Protecting opportunities provided by **Career, Tech. Student Organizations, CTAE extended day/year** and the **FFA/FCLA camps**.



Expanding **opportunities in STEM/STEAM, AP, gifted, World Language, Health & PE, and Fine Arts**.



Equipping **Career, Technical and Agricultural (CTAE) labs** in **high-demand fields** and expanding **work-based learning** for at-risk students.

Ensure a 21st Century Standard of Learning



Setting a **21st Century Standard of Learning** for training, devices, security, bandwidth, and outfitting schools and classrooms.



Increasing bandwidth for all schools and **addressing connectivity gaps** in communities.

Retention Bonuses for All Public K-12 Educators & Support Staff



In recognition for their heroic efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, **provided one-time \$1,000 bonuses to all public K-12 educators and education support professionals** – over 230,000 staff members – including:

- Teachers
- Paraprofessionals
- Bus Drivers
- Nutrition Staff
- Custodians
- Clerical Staff
- School Counselors
- School Nurses
- School Psychologists
- School Social Workers
- Media Specialists
- Administrative Assistants
- School leaders
- Instructional Coaches
- Therapists
- Long-term Subs

Best Practices



Tracking use of federal stimulus funds; sharing best practices as identified by the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education.