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The American Rescue Plan

Educators and Students

The American Rescue Plan provides \$170 billion in funding for public education, to be used for priorities including modifying schools for social distancing and health measures, hiring critical staff, and addressing student trauma and learning loss. Additionally, the ARP allocates \$7 billion to help close the digital divide by helping students access technology and WiFi capability for remote learning, with a focus on low-income students and students with disabilities. The ARP also provides \$40 billion to public higher education institutions for the implementation of safety protocols and emergency financial assistance for students harmed by the pandemic.

The ARP also supports the economic wellbeing of students and educators through additional stimulus checks for adults and children, and the expanded Child Tax Credit allowance for low-income families. Further, the state and local aid in the legislation will protect educators from additional layoffs as a result of budgetary constraints.