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Dear Families and Staff,

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, was enacted on March 11, 2021. The ARP Act provides additional funding for school districts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Education portion of ARP is known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III or ARP ESSER) Fund. The purpose of the ESSER III fund is to support the safe reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Massachusetts' ARP ESSER (ESSER III) plan was approved by the U.S. Department of Education on July 7, 2021. Norwell Public Schools subsequently submitted its application for American Rescue Plan FY22 ESSER III grant funds (Fund Code 119) to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The application was approved on October 4, 2021. The ESSER III program runs through September 30, 2024, at which time all ESSER funds are to have been utilized.

In compliance with the United States Department of Education, Norwell Public Schools has posted its ESSER III Use of Funds and Implementation Plan on the website. The plan may be accessed by clicking on the link below.

[Norwell Public Schools ESSER III Use of Funds and Implementation Plan](#)