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# **ITEM ADDENDUM**

**DATE:** August 31, 2021

**TO:** MEMBERS, State Board of Education

**FROM:** TONY THURMOND, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT:** Item 08: Request to Ratify California’s American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth Application.

## Summary of Key Issues

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act is the third round of federal relief in response to COVID-19, following the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law on March 27, 2020, and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA Act) signed into law on December 27, 2020. The ARP Act contained the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER), which is one of the key funding sources dedicated to K–12 education. The ARP Act included an $800 million reservation within ARP ESSER to support the needs of homeless children and youth in response to the impact COVID-19 has had on students experiencing homelessness.

California’s allocation of ARP Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) funding is $98,757,695. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) released 25% of each state’s allocation on April 23, 2021. California is required to submit a State Board of Education-approved ARP-HCY Application to ED by September 6, 2021, to receive the remaining 75% of our ARP-HCY allocation.

The ARP-HCY Application describes how California will administer state-level funds and how the state will support local educational agencies (LEAs) in using the funds.

## Attachment(s)

Attachment 1: Draft California American Rescue Plan Homeless Children and Youth Fund Application (16 pages)