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.

--- State School Superintendent Richard Woods
### 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


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.