5 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ABOUT ARP FUNDING

1. **Will you commit to a multi-year ARP spending plan?** It is important for districts to maintain a long-term financial forecast of how these funds will be spent over the next several years.

2. **How do you plan to increase learning time for students who need it most?** School districts should be able to explain which targeted investments they believe will have the biggest impacts on students long-term and why. All decisions have tradeoffs. What tradeoffs do they anticipate having to make and why?

3. **How will you ensure funds are distributed equitably across school sites and students?** Decisions should be data-driven and based on per-student costs. What exactly will the money pay for - for instance tutoring, counselors, building improvements, teacher salaries?

4. **How are you acting transparently to engage families and communities in spending decisions?** Engage us in decision-making, gather our input through surveys and meetings. Don’t come to us with fully baked plans. Explain how your spending plans do/not match up with our priorities. What is the ongoing plan to engage us in decision-making?

5. **How will we know if these investments are making an impact on student learning?** Beyond having an initial plan that clearly lays out their goals and how to track outcomes from their investments, districts need a plan to regularly report out to the community on what is/not work and why, and what adjustments will be needed.

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