

## **5 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ABOUT ARP FUNDING**

- 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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