

"To ensure all children with disabilities, ages 3 through 21, have the right to a free appropriate public education designed to meet their individual needs and prepare them for employment and independent living. Funds shall be used to supplement the excess costs of providing special education and related services to students with disabilities.

In recognition of the immense challenges facing students, educators, staff, schools, local educational agencies (LEAs), and state educational agencies (SEAs), Congress has made emergency funds available to SEAs and LEAs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19, through ARP Act. The ARP Act provides supplemental funds to SEAs to pass through to LEAs for activities allowable under IDEA, Part B to help schools return safely to

in-person instruction, maximize in-person instructional time, sustain the safe operation of schools, and address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic."