



American Recovery Program Act Outlook – 2021 and beyond

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Today's Topics

- Timetable
- Overview of the American Recovery Program Act
- Review of CARES I and CARES II
- Discussion of Possible Initiatives from Stakeholders
- Funding Dashboard
- Questions

Timetable

- March 25, 2021 State BOE voted on allocations
- Conduct Survey for Group State ESSER Plan Application
- September 29, 2021 1st Focus Group Meeting
- October 2021 Conduct Focus Group Survey
- October 22, 2021 2nd Focus Group Meeting
- November 2021 3rd Focus Group Meeting (?)
- November 2021 Recommendation to Superintendent and Cabinet
- November 2021 Submit Grant Application to State BOE

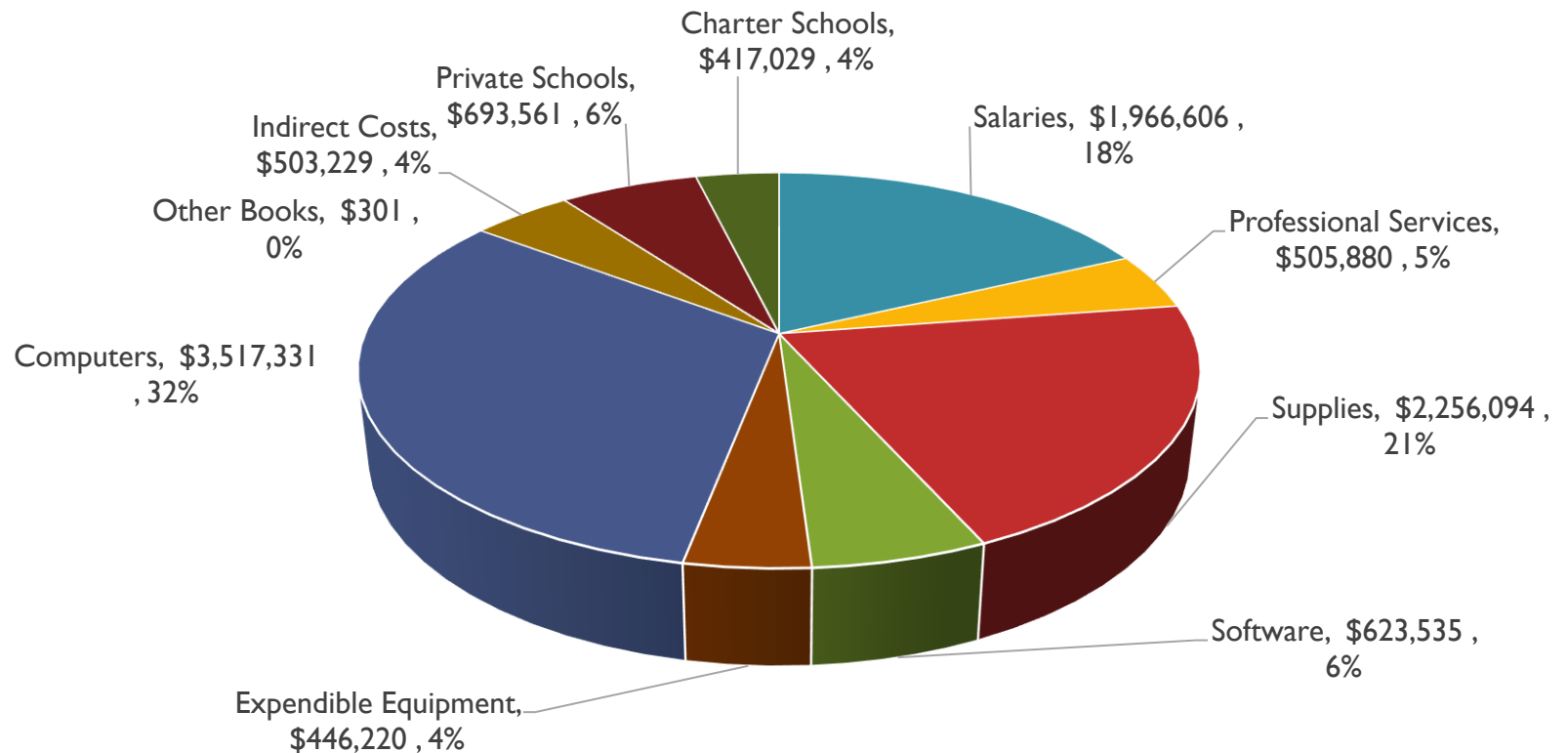
The American Rescue Plan Act includes:

- \$99,016,731 for K-12 schools to be distributed through the federal Title I formula for funding schools and districts with concentrated poverty.
- The K-12 dollars will be focused on helping schools reopen and helping students catch up on learning what they have missed during the pandemic.
- Districts must spend at least 20 percent of the money addressing learning loss and must make public a plan for returning to in-person schooling safely.

- **Overall, our school district is concerned about future pandemic-related costs for SY 2021-22 and later associated with:**
 - Providing intervention and remediation for students to address learning loss and providing mental health and social emotional care services for students and staff.
 - Fixing student connectivity/broadband or “homework gap” issues.
 - Repairing, upgrading, and maintaining school facilities.
 - Offsetting financial losses incurred due to declining student enrollment.
 - Accruing ongoing costs related to implementing CDC-recommended strategies to mitigate viral spread for a prolonged and undetermined period of time.
 - Addressing rising HR/payroll, labor, and health costs to hire, recruit, and retain quality staff during severe labor market shortages and while providing supplemental emergency benefits and compensation during the pandemic.
 - Addressing other long-term district needs with “one-time use” federal funds, such as but not limited to rising special education costs.

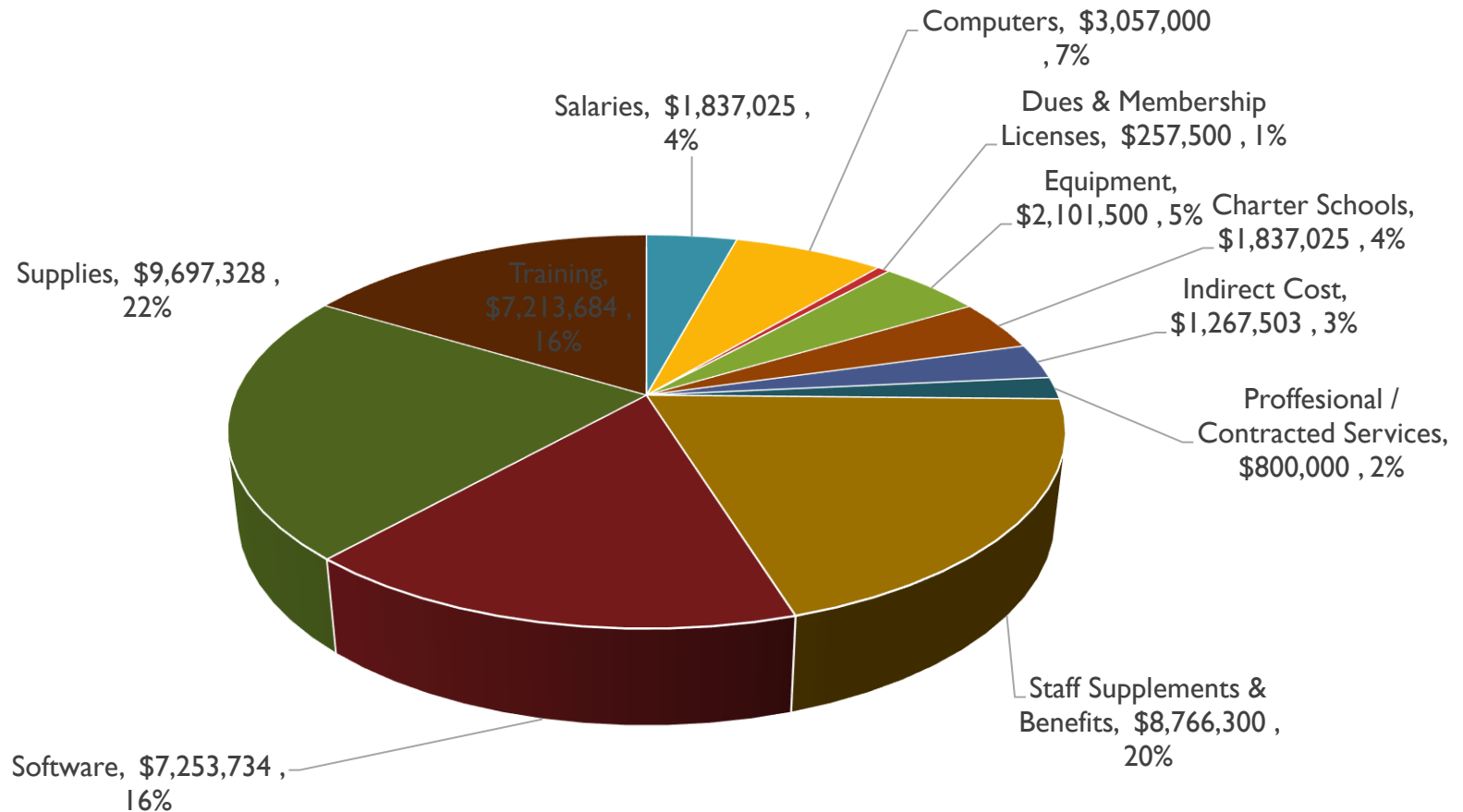
ESSER I Funding Priorities

How Our District Is Investing ESSER I Dollars - \$10,929,786
(Shows How Our District Did or Plans to Invest Funds for FY 2020-22)



ESSER II Funding Priorities

How Our District Is Investing ESSER II Dollars - \$44,088,599
(Shows How Our District Did or Plans to Invest Funds for FY 2020-23)



Questions & Comments

