

**Portales Municipal School District  
American Recovery Act  
Program Review  
Black Education Act and Policy Review**

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) has provided millions of dollars to school districts across the state to assist with challenges created by the COVID-19 crisis. Portales Municipal Schools received \$7.7 million to use over the next three (3) years. In order to continue to receive the funding, the District must hold community meetings every six (6) month to review (and revise if appropriate) the District's plan and budget. The next meeting to review the ARP will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. You are invited to attend this meeting that will be held in the Board Room at Central Office located at 501 S. Abilene.

In addition to meeting about ARP, the District will also review its Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services. At the meeting, the plan will be reviewed and can be revised depending upon public input and needs.

The Black Education Act will be reviewed at this meeting as well. The Black Education Act requires changes to the District's discipline policy. Changes to the discipline policy were adopted in June 2021 by the Board of Education. However, the District will review the Act and the policies with the public to determine whether any additional changes should be made to the policies to ensure compliance with the Act.

Again, you are invited to this important meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. at 501 South Abilene in Portales.

An individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aide or service to view the ARP Application, may contact the Superintendent of Schools' Office for additional assistance.