

**Amending The County Budget To Include Federal Aid Funding To Implement The Mental Health In Schools Program – Department Of Mental Health**

Referred to: The American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee (Chairman Criswell and Legislators Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry), The Health, Human Services and Housing Committee (Chair Walter and Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Lopez, Nolan, Petit, and Uchitelle), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Ronk, and Walter)

Chairman of the ARPA Special Committee, Peter J. Criswell, and Deputy Chair Thomas Corcoran, Jr. offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted at the request of the County Executive on behalf of the Ulster County Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury has notified Ulster County that funding for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is available in the amount of \$34,491,474.00; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA seeks, among other purposes, to address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, challenges maintaining optimal mental health and difficulties with the social determinants of health, significantly affect the ability of youth to attend school and succeed academically; and

WHEREAS, access to school-based behavioral health supports and services that have the ability to extend into the community, has been demonstrated to improve school attendance; and

WHEREAS, support services are particularly needed in rural counties where families are often unable to travel great distances to engage in office based services; and

WHEREAS, regulations implemented by the United States Treasury Department in their published Final Rule (31 CFR Part 35, RIN 1505-AC77) provides that "Recipients may also provide services for special populations, for example, enhanced services in schools to address increased rates of behavioral health challenges for youths, mental health first responder or law enforcement-mental health co-responder programs to divert individuals experiencing mental illness from the criminal justice system[.]" (see: page 68 of the Final Rule); and

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WHEREAS, the County developed and released an RFP seeking to obtain proposals for behavioral health programming embedded within Ulster County school districts; and

WHEREAS, proposed programs will serve to buttress existing services available both in school and the community and provide intensive, time-limited clinical intervention and care coordination to Ulster County students; and

WHEREAS, this program will be a part of the school community at each of our 9 districts and act as a link between school, community, and family, with services targeted toward middle-school age young people identified by the school as being able to benefit from targeted support, brief intervention, and linkage to community resources; and

WHEREAS, this program will aim to promote overall wellness at school and home, build protective factors to offset the effects of trauma, and directly target social determinants of health to help make our communities stronger; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, in order to implement the Mental Health in Schools Program, funding in the amount of \$750,000 in ARPA funds be allocated to support a mental Health in Schools program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2022 Ulster County Operating Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA.1310.1079-4300.4505 (App.#)	Other Professional Services	\$750,000.00
AA.1310.1079-3400.4089 (Rev.#),	Federal Aid	\$750,000.00

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Corcoran)

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No Action Taken in Committee: American Rescue Plan Act on June 1, 2022

Passed Committee: Health, Human Services and Housing on June 8, 2022

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means for one week on June 14, 2022

Passed Committee: American Rescue Plan Act on June 15, 2022

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on June 21, 2022

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

\$750,000.00 - ADDITIONAL 2022 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

\$750,000.00 - ADDITIONAL 2022 FEDERAL REVENUE DOLLARS

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Litts, to add a WHEREAS clause designating the program the “Legislator John Parete Mental Health in Schools Program.”

**MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**AYES: 6                      NOES: 16**

(Ayes: Legislators Fabiano, Hansut, Litts, Lopez, Roberts, and Ronk)

(Absent: Legislator Corcoran)

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of June in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of June in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this  
24<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2022.

Approved by the County Executive this  
27<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2022.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

|s| Patrick K. Ryan  
Patrick K. Ryan, County Executive