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As you know, last month President Biden signed into law the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan (ARP). The ARP includes \$122 billion in federal support for schools.

The American Rescue Plan provides an important opportunity to address systemic nursing shortages in public schools. This infusion of federal funding should be invested in ways that will most effectively address the immediate and long-term impacts of the pandemic on students, while achieving the goals of safer classrooms and schools, improved student physical and mental health, and academic readiness and support. At NASN, **we strongly believe that districts should seize this opportunity to invest in school nurses and other support staff who play critical roles in this effort.**

As we pledged in our initial communication to members shortly after the ARP was signed, we have created [an overview of the ARP and talking points](#) that you may find helpful in your advocacy efforts at both the state and local/district level. In addition, on [our ARP information page](#) we have included two social media graphics for your use. We encourage you to post these graphics on your affiliate social media platforms and to share widely on your personal social media pages and in relevant groups such as school PTO pages and other school and parent related groups. Check with your state affiliate to learn about state-specific advocacy activities and how you can support them.

We will continue to provide materials in the coming weeks to support your efforts. In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions for resources that you would find helpful, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

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