THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN will provide urgently needed relief in the form of $1.9 trillion to help American families, businesses, students and workers recover from the pandemic. It will cut child poverty in half, extend a lifeline to the unemployed, help families pay their bills and keep a roof over their heads, help states and local communities save the jobs of the people who provide essential services, and safely reopen schools.

THE PLAN CONTAINS:

$350 billion
To state and local governments to help cash-strapped state, local and town operations. This money will prevent mass layoffs of public employees, and can be used to provide premium pay to essential workers.

$140 million
To support mental health and decrease burnout of healthcare professionals.

$170 billion
To help schools and colleges, including:

$126 billion
To public K-12 schools, with funding specifically to address learning loss, and

$40 billion
To higher education institutions, with at least 50 percent required to be allocated to emergency financial aid to students.

$1,400 in direct payments
To the vast majority of Americans.

$300 per week
In enhanced unemployment insurance benefits through Sept. 6, 2021.

$14 billion
To speed vaccine distribution.

$49 billion
For COVID-19 testing, tracing and research.

$24 billion
For Community Health Centers, rural healthcare providers and a public health workforce.

$140 million
To support mental health and decrease burnout of healthcare professionals.

Lower health insurance premiums
For millions who buy insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplace.

100% subsidies
For continuation of job-based health coverage (COBRA) for those who have lost employer-sponsored healthcare.

$40 billion
To stabilize child care and the child care workforce.

$7.1 billion
In E-Rate funding to expand broadband access.

$100 million
For emergency assistance for rural housing.

Stabilization funding
For distressed multiemployer pensions and improvements to single-employer pension plans.

Extension of credits
To public sector employers that voluntarily offer emergency paid sick leave and family leave benefits.

Expansion and improvement
Of the child tax credit and the earned income tax credit.

The American Rescue Plan is a lifeline for millions of Americans and for the country itself. And it is a testament to the power of winning elections. The AFT pushed to go bold, and that’s exactly what we got—a recovery plan on the scale needed to enable us to recover from the crises we face. Think about what this one ambitious piece of legislation will do—cut child poverty in half. Every person in this country deserves the freedom to thrive, fueled by opportunity and justice. This plan helps make it possible for Americans to recover from our struggles and thrive.