



# MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND  
REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA)



# STABILIZATION AWARD PROCESS

- The United States Department of Education (USDE) will award stabilization funds to governors in two phases. To receive its initial stabilization fund allocation, a state must submit to the USDE an application that provides:
  - Assurances that the state is committed to advancing education reform in four specific areas;
  - Baseline data that demonstrate the state's current status in each of the four education reform areas;
  - Maintenance-of-effort (MOE) information; and
  - A description of how the state intends to use its stabilization allocation.



# FUNDING PROJECTIONS: STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND

| Funding Projections: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act<br>State Fiscal Stabilization Fund |               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| CATEGORY                                                                                       | AMOUNT        | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Education Funding<br>(81.8% of total)                                                          | \$392,067,945 | A one-time appropriation awarded to governors by formula. ARRA mandates that 81.8 percent of the total stabilization funds be used for the support of public elementary, secondary, higher education and, as applicable, early childhood education programs and services. States must also use their allocations to help restore funding for fiscal years 2009, 2010 and 2011 in these areas. |
| Government Services<br>Funding<br>(18.2% of total)                                             | \$87,232,721  | A one-time appropriation awarded to governors by formula. ARRA mandates that 18.2 percent of the total stabilization funds be used to support public education through other government services such as public safety.                                                                                                                                                                       |

FUNDS WILL BE RELEASED IN TWO PHASES – BASED ON APPLICATION FROM GOVERNORS OFFICE



# TITLE FUNDS

- Additional funding for programs under Title I Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). These funds will be awarded to local education agencies (LEAs) that have high concentrations of students from families that live in poverty.



# FUNDING PROJECTIONS: TITLE I

| Funding Projections: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act<br>Title I |               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| CATEGORY                                                               | AMOUNT        | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Part A                                                                 | \$132,679,000 | Additional funding for programs under Title I Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). These funds will be awarded to local education agencies (LEAs) that have high concentrations of students from families that live in poverty. |

50% of the funds were released by USDE on April 1, 2009.  
The remaining 50% will be released on July 1, 2009.



# FUNDING PROJECTIONS: SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

| Funding Projections: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act<br>School Improvement |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| CATEGORY                                                                          | AMOUNT       | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| School Improvement<br>Section 1003(g)                                             | \$39,589,000 | Additional funding for the School Improvement Fund, which provides funding to help state education agencies (SEAs) and local education agencies (LEAs) address the needs of schools in improvement, corrective action and restructuring under the No Child Left Behind Act in order to improve student achievement. |

Funds will be released beginning in the Fall of 2009.



# FUNDING PROJECTIONS: MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

| Funding Projections: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act<br>McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| CATEGORY                                                                                                    | AMOUNT             | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance</b>                                                         | <b>\$1,310,000</b> | Additional funding for programs under the McKinney-Vento program, which is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have faced in enrolling, attending and succeeding in school. |

Funds will be released in April 2009.



# INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA) FUNDS

- Additional funding for programs under Part B of IDEA, which provides funds to state educational agencies (SEAs) and local educational agencies (LEAs) to help them ensure that children with disabilities, including children aged three through five, have access to a free appropriate public education to meet each child's unique needs and prepare him or her for further education, employment, and independent living.



# FUNDING PROJECTIONS: INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (IDEA)

| Funding Projections: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act<br>Individuals with Disabilities Act |               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| CATEGORY                                                                                         | AMOUNT        | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Part B                                                                                           | \$122,347,422 | Additional funding for programs under Part B of IDEA, which provides funds to state educational agencies (SEAs) and local educational agencies (LEAs) to help them ensure that children with disabilities, including children aged three through five, have access to a free appropriate public education to meet each child's unique needs and prepare him or her for further education, employment, and independent living. |
| Part C (Miss. Department of Health)                                                              | \$3,611,000   | Additional funding for programs under Part C of IDEA, which provides funds to each state's lead agency designated by the Governor to implement statewide systems of coordinated, comprehensive, multidisciplinary interagency programs and make early intervention services available to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.                                                                           |

MDE received 50% on April 1, 2009 for Part B and Pre-School.  
MDE will receive the other 50% by September 30, 2009.



## New MDE stimulus site launched

Are you looking for an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Power Point to share at a Board meeting? The latest guidance released by the federal government? A copy of a recent related news story?

Look no further!

The Mississippi Department of Education has all this information and more posted on a new Web page.

"There is a limited amount of time to use these funds and many restrictions on how they can be used so the department

needs to be able to get information to school districts and communities quickly," State Superintendent of Education Dr. Hank Bounds said. "This Web site will be a great tool to help keep everyone in the loop."

Some of the page's features include a full chart explaining the funding categories and amounts, regulations and fact sheets on proper uses of the funds from the U.S. Department of Education, and the addresses of other Web sites that have been set up

by offices across the state.

The site also includes a "Submit a Question" feature. All visitors are encouraged to use this tool to help the department build a Frequently Asked Questions page to be posted at a later date.

### ON THE WEB

For more ARRA information visit [www.mde.k12.ms.us/stimulus/](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/stimulus/)

## District of the month to be featured

From establishing new programs that will reap future benefits to collaborating with nearby districts, U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan has made it clear schools and states will be graded on how innovatively and effectively they use American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds.

In light of this, *The ARRA Update* will

profile a Mississippi School District-of-the-Month to help fuel initial discussions on how this one-time money can be used quickly, creatively and drive long-term results. Brainstorming and sharing ideas across districts is one of the best ways to ensure everyone is making the best decision for students.

To your submit your district's ARRA story for consideration, e-mail Pete Smith, MDE Director of Communications, at [psmith@mde.k12.ms.us](mailto:psmith@mde.k12.ms.us).

"...It's critical that money go out quickly but it's even more important that it be spent wisely."

**ARNE DUNCAN**  
U.S. Education Secretary

### QUICK RESOURCES

For more information visit [www.mde.k12.ms.us/stimulus/](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/stimulus/)

Questions and comments can be e-mailed to [arra@mde.k12.ms.us](mailto:arra@mde.k12.ms.us)

### A WISE INVESTMENT



Using ARRA resources for programs proven to increase literacy levels among students may be a great future investment for your school. Do you have a reading program that needs a boost?

## ARRA summit to be held

Governor Haley Barbour is bringing together state agency heads, legislators and local government officials as well as inviting the public to participate in a Mississippi Stimulus Summit on April 16.

The summit is scheduled from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. at the Jackson Convention Complex following the annual meeting of the Mississippi Economic Council; no reservations are necessary.

"Over the past few weeks, some information has been made available from Washington on how state agencies should prepare to deal with their portions of funds under (ARRA)," Governor Barbour said. "I hope by mid-April the federal government will have provided enough specific guidance so final plans can be made to maximize the use of these one-time funds."

At the summit, participants are expected

to detail steps that are either already being taken or planned by many state agencies, including State Department of Education, and others.

Governor Barbour has asked each agency's senior managers to present an overview of its intentions and be prepared to respond to questions from the audience.

For more information visit the Office of the Governor's ARRA Web site at <http://stimulus.ms.gov>. Questions maybe e-mailed to [stimulus@governor.state.ms.us](mailto:stimulus@governor.state.ms.us).



### IMPORTANT DATES

April 16

Governor Haley Barbour's  
Mississippi Stimulus Summit  
Jackson Convention Center



# HOW TO FIND INFORMATION

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**BACKUP SLIDES**



# COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING EDUCATION REFORM

- Increase teacher effectiveness and address inequities in the distribution of highly qualified teachers;
- Establish and use a pre-k-through-college-and-career data system to track progress and foster continuous improvement;
- Make progress towards rigorous college- and career-ready standards and high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable for all students, including limited English proficient students and students with disabilities; and
- Provide targeted, intensive support and effective interventions to turn around schools identified for corrective action and restructuring.



# LEA USES OF EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUNDS

## LEA Uses of Education Stabilization Funds

**Cautionary Note:** All of the uses identified in this Illustration are subject to ARRA and other applicable requirements, including prohibitions relating to the uses of funds.

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| <p>Basic Rule</p>                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ An LEA may use its Education Stabilization funds for any activities authorized under current federal laws on education spending, regardless of whether the Education Stabilization Funds were awarded through the State’s primary education funding formula(e) or based on the LEA’s relative share of funding under Title I, Part A.</li> </ul>               |
| <p>Governor’s Control</p>                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A Governor does <u>not</u> have the discretion to direct how an LEA must use its Education Stabilization Funds.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Education activities consistent with State and local requirements</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ An LEA may use its Education Stabilization allocation for such purposes because these activities are authorized under Title VIII of the ESEA (Impact Aid). <b>NOTE:</b> The LEA must maintain records that track separately the specific uses of the funds (<i>see</i> Part VII: “Transparency, Accountability, Reporting, and Other Obligations”).</li> </ul> |
| <p>Modernization, renovation, and repair of public school facilities</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Section 14003(a) of the ARRA expressly authorizes an LEA to use Education Stabilization funds for this purpose.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Construction</p>                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Construction is allowable as an authorized activity under Title VIII of the ESEA (Impact Aid).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |



# PROHIBITIONS ON AN LEA'S USE OF EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUNDS

**Cautionary Note:** This list is not meant to be all-inclusive. LEAs must carefully review, for example, all requirements in Titles XIV, XV, and XVI of Division A of the ARRA relating to the Education Stabilization Fund.

An LEA may not use Education Stabilization funds for –

- Payment of maintenance costs;
- Stadiums or other facilities primarily used for athletic contests or exhibitions or other events for which admission is charged to the general public;
- Purchase or upgrade of vehicles;
- Improvement of stand-alone facilities whose purpose is not the education of children, including central office administration or operations or logistical support facilities;
- Financial assistance for students to attend private elementary or secondary schools, unless the funds are used to provide special education and related services to students with disabilities, as authorized by the IDEA;
- School modernization, renovation, or repair that is inconsistent with State law; or
- Restoring or supplementing a “rainy day” fund.



# “RACE TO THE TOP”

- Under the \$5 billion in State Fiscal Stabilization Fund reserved for the Secretary of Education to make competitive grants, the Department will conduct a national competition among states for their share of \$4.35 billion state incentive "Race to the Top" fund to improve education quality and results statewide.
- The Race to the Top fund will help states drive substantial gains in student achievement by supporting dramatic progress on the four reform goals described earlier and effectively using other ARRA funds.



# “RACE TO THE TOP”

- \$650 million of the \$5 billion will be set aside in the "Invest in What Works and Innovation" fund and be available to districts and non-profit groups with a strong track record of results through a competitive grant process. Guidelines and applications for the competitive funds will be posted expeditiously.
- Race to the Top grants will be awarded in two rounds— (Fall 2009 and Spring 2010).