



Arkansas Recovery Hotline: 1-877-682-1515

To: Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

From: Arkansas Recovery Office
Arkansas Department of Education
Arkansas Department of Higher Education

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RE: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

This memo is intended to inform LEAs about the Arkansas Recovery Web site, local allocations of recovery funds, and the availability of the LEA Statement of Assurance.

The Arkansas Recovery Web site (www.recovery.arkansas.gov) will serve as a “one-stop shop” for recovery information. On this site LEAs will be able to find educational resources such as local allocations, federal and state guidance, frequently asked questions, and ideas for how to spend funds in the best interest of students. We advise LEAs to check the Web site regularly as information will be updated as needed.

According to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, any reductions in funding for 2009-2011 must be restored before funding can be released to local education agencies. Because of budget reductions, institutions of higher education did not receive the full funding increase approved by the Legislature in 2007. Therefore, \$21.9 million dollars will be restored to colleges and universities over the next three fiscal years. This will be funded from the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF).

Please find the attached spreadsheets containing each LEA’s allocation for ARRA Title I Part A, IDEA Part B State Grant, IDEA Part B Preschool Grant and the SFSF. These funds shall be spent in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations. Please review the United States Department of Education and the Arkansas LEA Guidance for helpful information.

Also, please find the LEA Statement of Assurance attached. Each superintendent, charter school director or educational cooperative director (if receiving IDEA Part B Preschool funds) and each LEA business manager must sign this document. The Statement of Assurance can be sent into the Arkansas Department of Education at any time; however it must be received before any funds are disbursed to the LEA. References and documents will be provided on the Recovery Web site on the various regulations listed in the Statement of Assurance to assist LEAs.

For general questions regarding the ARRA, please contact Heather Gage (heather.gage@arkansas.gov) at 501-682-3667, Dr. Stanley Williams (stanleyw@adhe.edu) at 501-371-2026 or Chris Masingill (chris.masingill@governor.arkansas.gov) at 501-683-6424.