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MEMORANDUM

TO: Supervisors of Education
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DATE: June 19, 2009

SUBJECT: Title I Part D Stimulus Funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

ARRA provides an increase in federal funding that will support New Jersey school districts eligible for funding under Title I Part D, Subpart 2. Approximately \$852,000 in ARRA funds has been allocated to eligible LEA's based on the 2008 ND count of students. ARRA funds will be awarded to LEA's in addition to the regular Title I Part D Subpart 2 allocations for SFY 2010.

Awards Eligible districts have been notified of the following allocation amounts: Egg Harbor, \$34,786. Paramus, \$2244. Pemberton, \$21,321. Camden County ESC, \$62,840. Hopewell Township, \$84,161. Newark, \$262,581. Hudson County Vo-Tech, \$88,649. Mercer County SSSD, \$56,107 (on hold). North Brunswick, \$107,725. Monmouth-Ocean ESC, \$24,687. Morris, \$2244. Ocean County Voc, \$24,687. Sussex County Vo-Tech, \$11,221. Linden, \$69,573. Awards are contingent upon county and Department approval of program and fiscal application components.

Detention centers should start planning with their applicant LEA's for the use of these funds, which must be used in a manner consistent with existing statutory and regulatory requirements under Title I, Part D, Subpart 2. Activities must be allowable under the current regulations and legislation (www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg11.html). The five areas of allowable use are described below. Also see the attached Tip Sheet for some further ideas on uses of funds.

Application process. The application for ARRA funds will be a component of the NCLB application on EWEG, which will be available in late June or early July 2009. Districts and

JDC's are advised to use the needs assessment process to link directly to proposed program activities under ARRA.

Addendum to Formal Agreement. A description of proposed program activities and uses of funds must be completed by all parties and submitted to the ND Coordinator as an addendum to the formal agreement that exists among the LEA, the juvenile detention center, and the service provider if any. The template attached as part of the basic guidelines may be used for the addendum (copy attached). The program addendum is due to me by COB September 1, 2009 at FAX (609) 292-1211.

Reporting. ARRA funds must be tracked and accounted for separately from the regular Title I Part D allocation. **Districts and juvenile detention centers must ensure that detailed program and fiscal data related to ARRA funding will be available to NJDOE as needed in the reporting cycle.** As noted on the federal website recovery.com, transparency in the use of these funds is a presidential priority. ED is still formulating guidelines for the special reporting requirements, so we will keep you posted as we receive more information.

Applicant districts are permitted to retain administrative costs and in-district use of funds only as described in the NJDOE Program Guidelines for LEA's, as published in December 2008. A copy of the Guidelines is attached for your information.

USES OF FUNDS

ARRA funds under this subpart may be used, as appropriate, for—

- (1) programs that serve children and youth returning to local schools from correctional facilities, to assist in the transition of such children and youth to the school environment and help them remain in school in order to complete their education;
- (2) dropout prevention programs which serve at-risk children and youth, including pregnant and parenting teens, children and youth who have come in contact with the juvenile justice system, children and youth at least 1 year behind their expected grade level, migrant youth, immigrant youth, students with limited English proficiency, and gang members;
- (3) the coordination of health and social services for such individuals if there is a likelihood that the provision of such services, including day care, drug and alcohol counseling, and mental health services, will improve the likelihood such individuals will complete their education;
- (4) special programs to meet the unique academic needs of participating children and youth, including vocational and technical education, special education, career counseling, curriculum-based youth entrepreneurship education, and assistance in securing student loans or grants for postsecondary education; and
- (5) programs providing mentoring and peer mediation.

Also see the Tip Sheet, attached, for more ideas on uses of funds.

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Period of Availability

What is the period of availability of Title I ARRA funds?

Title I ARRA funds have an initial period of availability through September 30, 2010. Funds that are not obligated by that date remain available for obligation by LEAs (subject to the carryover limitation in section 1127 of the ESEA) until September 30, 2011. A chart indicating when an obligation occurs for various types of activities is provided in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) at 34 C.F.R. 76.707. [Available at <http://www.ed.gov/policy/fund/reg/edgarReg/edgar.html>].

How will ED ensure transparency in the implementation of Title I ARRA funds by SEAs and LEAs?

As part of the process of ensuring transparency, the federal Department of Education (ED) will keep the public fully apprised of all activities that occur throughout a State's implementation of ARRA with respect to Title I funds. For example, detailed information concerning how SEAs and LEAs use their Title I ARRA funds will be available in the quarterly reports required under Section 1512 of ARRA at www.Recovery.gov.

Please contact monica.johnson@doe.state.nj.us or call me at (609) 777-2166 if there are questions about this.

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