Update on ARRA
Presentation for the National Network of State School Improvement Leaders

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Department of Education Implementation Actions

- First phase of funding released April 1, including $5 billion for Title I-A.
- 67% of State Fiscal Stabilization money also made available April 1 (with awards made after approval of State applications).
- Secretary's April 1 letter also outlined proposed ARRA reporting metrics.

Funding Released for Additional K-12 Programs

- IDEA Part B (50% on April 1
- Education for Homeless Children and Youth (100% on April 10)
- Impact Aid Construction (100% of formula money on April 10)

Core Reforms: the Four Assurances

- College- and career-ready standards and high-quality, aligned assessments
- Teacher effectiveness and equitable distribution of effective teachers
- PreK-to-higher education data systems that meet America COMPETES Act principles
- Intensive support and effective interventions for struggling students

ARRA uses of funds guidance

- Released April 24
- Provides suggestions on using ARRA funds to drive reforms in the areas highlighted by the SFSF assurances
- Encourages administrators to use funds for activities that:
  - Drive results for students
  - Improve capacity
  - Accelerate reform
  - Avoid the funding cliff and improve productivity
  - Foster continuous improvement

Encouraged uses of ARRA Title I funds

- Build capacity for data-driven decision-making
- Services to specific subgroups (ELL, disabled)
- Increase capacity in Title I high schools
- Drive needed reforms
- Take advantage of temporary resources to ratchet up the quality and intensity of services, particularly in schools in improvement status

Title I ARRA Fiscal Guidance

- Released April 1
- Clarifies technical requirements for allocation of the stimulus funds
- Tells States how to make adjustments and what data to use

SFSF Maintenance-of-Effort Guidance

- Released May 1
- Provides details on:
  - The SFSF MOE requirement (to maintain support for public K-12 and higher education at the FY 2006 level)
  - The MOE waiver criterion (maintain relative support for public K-12 and higher education)

Title I ARRA reporting requirements

- Each LEA must file with the SEA a school-by-school listing of per-pupil educational expenditures from State and local sources during the 2008-2009 academic year.
- The SEA must then report this information to the Secretary.
- ED will provide instructions that reflect Congressional intent while being sensitive to State and local capacity.

Next out of the gate

Title I waiver guidance re:

- 14-day public school choice notification
- 20% set-aside for choice and SES
- APPE requirement for SES
- Set-aside for professional development
- Maintenance of effort
- Carryover of Title I funds

ARRA School Improvement Grants

- Will require new application
- ED currently developing the application and making decisions on the schedule
- Decision-making also underway on reporting requirements