



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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Principles

- Invest one-time ARRA funds thoughtfully to maximize student achievement
- Improve student achievement through school improvement and reform
- Ensure transparency and accountability
- Avoid funding cliff
- Spend funds efficiently



Focus

- Thoughtful planning with input from stakeholders
- Expanding student opportunities
- Data-driven decisions



Accountability & Transparency

- Every \$ accounted for separately
- Measurable objectives
- System for tracking and evaluating
- Information available on front page of www.ccsd.net



Accountability & Transparency

- Grant experts will work with fiscal experts to ensure funds are spent according to grant guidelines and accounting principles
- Current staff will ensure fidelity in program implementation and track student achievement objectives
- Online forum will be established for reporting expenditures and activities completed



Reporting Requirements

- Federal Government - Quarterly reports*
 - Total amount of funds received
 - Amount of received funds that were expended
 - Detailed list of all projects or activities including
 - a. name of project or activity;
 - b. description of project or activity;
 - c. evaluation of the project or activity.
- State Government – Semi-annual reports

*Reports to the Federal Government are typically submitted annually, however, ARRA requires quarterly reports.



ARRA Funding Sources

- Title I, Elementary and Secondary Education Act
- Title I, Neglected & Delinquent Program
- Title I, Homeless Outreach Program for Education (HOPE)
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- IDEA Early Childhood
- Race to the Top
- School Improvement
- State Stabilization
- School Construction Bonds
- Food Service Equipment
- Education Technology
- Teacher Quality
- Energy



ARRA - Title I & IDEA Status

- How much will be allocated to CCSD?
 - ARRA Title I - \$57,672,538
 - ARRA IDEA - \$49,070,266
 - Includes Disbursement to Private and Charter Schools
- When are funds available?
 - State applications were submitted July 2009
 - Funds available August 2009



ARRA - Title I



ARRA Title I

- Planning
 - Meetings with parents, NAACP, and principals
 - Involved School Improvement teams
 - Budget approved by school committee



ARRA - Title I: Use of Funds

Schools were selected according to percentage of students qualifying for free/reduced price lunch

- Expanded Title I program by 68 schools*
 - 41 Elementary
 - 19 Middle
 - 8 High
 - 20 Pre-Kindergartens

*CCSD now has a total of 151 Title I schools.



ARRA - Title I: Use of Funds

Must follow same guidelines as mandated by NCLB as well as spend in accordance with Title I Part A.

- Required set asides:

- School Choice
- SES
- Parent Involvement
- Highly Qualified
- Staff Development
- Private Schools



ARRA - Title I: Use of Funds

- Services for additional schools
- Pre K programs
- Staff development
- Parent involvement
- Tutoring
- On-line classes
- Prep buy-outs
- Summer school
- Additional staff
- Credit retrieval



ARRA - Title I: Use of Funds

- Additional Personnel
 - 132 teachers
 - 82 school-based support staff
 - 23 temporary staff
- More Staff Development
 - Increase # of Highly Qualified (HQ) teachers and assistants

ARRA - Title I, Neglected and Delinquent Program: Use of Funds

\$151,981 will be used to increase student achievement in youth correctional facilities, through:

- Curriculum
- Marketable skills
- Student training in developing alternative energy projects
- Staff development

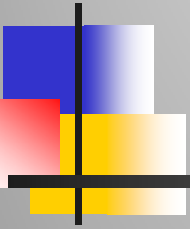


ARRA - Title I, HOPE Program: Use of Funds

\$82,024 will be used to increase student achievement of homeless students through:

- Tutoring
- Counseling services
- Food and clothing
- Respite centers
 - Homework assistance
 - Job opportunities
 - Credit retrieval

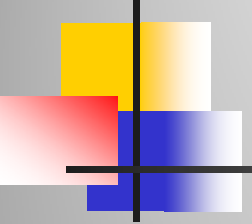
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- Planning
 - Mandatory 30-day comment period
 - ARRA IDEA funds must be used consistent with the current IDEA requirements



ARRA – IDEA: Fund Guidance

- Assistive technology
- Professional Development
- Data collection to improve teaching and learning
- Inclusive placement options
- School-to-work programs



ARRA – IDEA, Early Childhood: Use of Funds

- \$1,748,092 funds will be used to increase student achievement through:
 - Program improvements to meet National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation standards
 - Assistive technology
 - Data tracking
 - Professional development



ARRA - IDEA

Funding = \$49,070,266

- Over two years
- Ending September 30, 2011
- \$35,000,000 used for activities
- \$14,000,000 resulting from a reduction of the Maintenance of Effort will be used to fund activities, such as dropout prevention



ARRA – IDEA: Use of Funds

- Instructional programs expansion
- Extended school day opportunities
- Drop out prevention
- Credit retrieval
- Positive behavioral supports
- Autism supports
- Parent involvement
- School-to-work programs
- Site-based teacher mentors
- Assistive technology
- University partnerships
- Professional development
- School-to-work programs
- Data collection for RTI
- Liaison prep buyouts



Other ARRA Funds



Race to the Top

It is our understanding that the US Department of Education is still working on the requirements for this grant and should the state receive funding, the district will submit an application.



School Improvement Grants

- \$19,918,000 available for statewide competitive grants
- Schools must be Title I and in Needs Improvement AYP status
- Innovative programs
- Applications are not yet available



State Fiscal Stabilization Funds

State Fiscal Stabilization Funds were used to backfill falling sales tax revenues in 2009.

\$82 million offset lower funding the District would have received from State funds.



School Construction Bonds

\$104 million in borrowing authority

- Two-year period
- Interest free
- Renovation and modernization projects previously approved by the Board of School Trustees and the Bond Oversight Committee



Food Service Grant

Applied for \$695,000 and received \$218,097 which will be used for:

- Equipment to transport food from the Central Kitchen to the schools.
- Equipment to provide more self-produced meals.



Education Technology Grants

Vegas PBS is applying for \$500,000 to:

- Expand the capacity of Virtual High School to serve more students
- Expand the TeacherLine online professional development program to surrounding rural counties



Teacher Quality Partnership

Vegas PBS is applying for \$300,000 in partnership with UNLV to create high quality content for college students in the education department.



Energy Funds

In partnership with the Las Vegas Regional Clean Cities Coalition, the district has applied for \$6 million. The district plans to spend a total of \$11 million, including the required \$5 million in matching funds, to purchase 33 clean natural gas (CNG) buses and build a CNG filling station.