

Michigan and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

ARRA Overview

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Guiding Principles

- Spend Quickly to Save and Create Jobs
- Ensure Transparency and Accountability
- Thoughtfully Invest One-Time Funds
- Advance Effective Reform

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Michigan's Vision Statement

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 provides opportunities to improve instruction and increase student achievement for children across Michigan for generations to come. The charge is to fund innovative and proven strategies that drive educational reform. State data demonstrates that support is needed in math, reading, writing, parental involvement, high school graduation rates, and high quality job-embedded professional development for teachers.

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Michigan's Vision Statement (Cont'd)

The responsibility for success depends on the commitment of students, parents, teachers, principals, superintendents, education boards, and state officials. The ARRA provides a short-term investment for long-term gains in student achievement through innovation and accountability.

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Accountability And Transparency

- Detailed reporting requirements at building level.
- Be ready to encumber the funds within short timelines.
- Keep separate accounting ledgers for ARRA funds.
- Expect to be monitored.
- Expect quarterly or more frequent reporting with quick turn around timelines.

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ARRA Comes in Two Large Education Sections

- State Fiscal Stabilization
- Direct Education (Targeted)
 - Title I, Part A
 - Title I, Part A School Improvement
 - Title II, Part D Educational Technology
 - Title X, Part C Homeless
 - IDEA Special Education

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ARRA Other School Related Sections

- National School Lunch Equipment
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB)
- Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB)
- Energy and Weatherization
- Workforce Investment Act Youth Program

Note: Applications = Estimated 4,500

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What Don't We Know Yet?

- Reporting Requirements
 - Additional Guidance
 - Evaluation
- Monitoring and Compliance
- Challenges to spend ARRA funds
- Waivers
- GAO Site Visits

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Communications Plan

- State Board of Education Updates
- MDE Official Communications
- MDE Podcasts
- Education Programs Core Group
- Presentations
 - MSBO Conference, April 28-30
 - Governor's Education Summit, April 28
 - MIEM Conference, May 26
 - MSBO Conference, June 3

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