

Bulletin – August 20, 2009

### **ARRA Technology Grants**

With the recent announcement that 100% of the ARRA Technology funds would be competitive grants and would be delayed until after district budgets are final, we have received questions about how this would affect budgets. Districts intending to apply for the ARRA Technology competitive grants are advised to budget the amount they would seek in an application in both receipts and disbursements. ARRA Technology grants are on the Special Grant Fund List and are outside the expenditure limitation. The ARRA Technology Competitive application has not yet been set but it will be later in the Fall.

### **ARRA Section 1512 Reporting**

The process for collecting the data required from all districts, ESUs and School Food Authorities (SFA) that received ARRA funds began this week with an email survey to collect the DUNS number and the Congressional District. By collecting this data now, we are able to streamline the quarterly reporting that will begin in October. The surveys are due September 7, 2009. Additional information, in the form of a Question and Answer Document should be available by next week and posted on the NDE ARRA website.

### **ADA/ADM Final Review:**

A change to the “Average Daily Attendance and Average Daily Membership” NSSRS verification report was implemented last week. Superintendents are strongly encouraged to review this report for 2008-2009 one last time to ensure accuracy. Please contact State Aid Director Megan Bartunek at 402-471-3323 no later than Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> if you find discrepancies or inaccuracies in this report.

### **Preview: State of the Schools Report 2008-2009**

The following items have been updated on the “Preview: State of the Schools Report 2008-2009”, accessible via the NDE Portal.

1. STARS and AYP information resulting from the resubmission window that closed August 14.
2. School Mobility
3. District Level AYP Status
4. Percent of students not tested for Reading and Math AYP results for gender and migrant

### **NSSRS Desktop Database for 2009-2010**

Version 5.0 of the NSSRS Desktop Database is now available for download from the NSSRS Secured Information website, accessible via the NDE Portal. This version is compatible with NSSRS for 2009-2010 and is accompanied by an updated Quick Reference Guide.

### **NSSRS 2009-2010 Opens August 24**

The NSSRS Fall 2009-2010 collection window opens August 24, 2009. Please note that only one superintendent approval is required after submissions are complete for all templates, both staff- and student-related, by October 30, 2009. The excerpt below is from the NSSRS Template Calendar (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/Calendar.htm>).

Due September 15 and revisions accepted through **October 30, 2009**:

- Staff Snapshot (Snapshot Date = ‘2010-06-30’)
- Staff Assignment

\* Due October 15 and revisions accepted through **October 30, 2009**:

- Student

- Student Snapshot (Snapshot Date = '2009-10-01')
- School Enrollment
- Special Education Snapshot (Snapshot Date = '2009-10-01')
- Programs Fact: Early Childhood
- Signed assurance for Special Education