

NDE Bulletin
January 7, 2010

NeSA-Reading and Nebraska Student and Staff Record System (NSSRS)

Districts have until February 1st to update Student and School Enrollment templates for the 2009-10 school year through NSSRS before the final file is sent to our NeSA-Reading vendor. The “NeSA Reading Roster” is available through the NDE Portal on the NSSRS Verification reports page within NSSRS Validation to help districts facilitate with determining if there are errors or changes that need to be made in a student’s status. The “NeSA Reading Roster” is located under the Student Reports category of Assessment. By clicking on the “View Report” link, schools will be able to view the student information that will be used in the Spring 2010 NeSA-Reading testing. An up-to-date Student template and/or an up-to-date School Enrollment template may need to be submitted to NSSRS should any changes need to be made in a student’s status. Contact the NDE Helpdesk at 888-285-0556 (nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov) or the NDE Assessment Office at 402-471-2495 with questions.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) State Fiscal Stabilization Funds

Nebraska will be submitting the State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) Application Phase II to the U. S. Department of Education next week. The Phase I SFSF funds were distributed for the 2009-10 school year through the TEEOSA formula to districts eligible for equalization state aid. This is the application for the SFSF funds for the 2010-11 school year. It describes how the state will meet the reporting requirements of the four assurances of SFSF including how Nebraska will identify persistently lowest-achieving schools. The powerpoint used to present this information to the State Board of Education on January 5, 2010 is posted on the ARRA website at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/State%20Fiscal%20Stabilization%20Fund.html> NDE will be providing additional information on the next ARRA/NCLB Update later this month.

Race To The Top Application

Over the last several months, Nebraska has been developing an application for ARRA Race To The Top funds to implement and support school reform strategies throughout the State. At the January 5th work session, Commissioner Breed presented an overview of what will be included in Nebraska’s application that will be submitted by January 19th. The powerpoint used in that presentation is now available on the NDE homepage at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/RaceToTheTop.html>

2009-10 Curriculum Report: Opened Now, Due February 26, 2010

The 2009-10 Curriculum Report opened on January 6, 2010. It can be found under the Data Collections tab on the NDE portal. All public districts, nonpublic systems, state operated systems and ESUs must report information on all teachers, including elementary and preschool, in this report which is due by February 26, 2010. Paper forms will no longer be accepted for the Curriculum Report. There will be two options to submit this data: 1) enter data online or 2) upload a data file. Instructions and other information for the 2009-2010 Curriculum Report can be found on the NSSRS Documents web page (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/Documents.htm>) under “Other Instructions” or at

<http://ess.nde.state.ne.us/DataCenter/DataCollections/Default.htm> then click on [2009/10 Curriculum Report](#). If you have any questions or comments, please contact:
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Reminders:

ARRA Reports

The **ARRA Study of School Level Expenditures** is due Feb. 1, 2010. All districts that are eligible for Title I, Part A funds must complete this report. The Study of School-Level Expenditures is found on the Portal in the Consolidated Data Collections under the Data Collections tab.

Given the inclement weather, the **ARRA Section 1512 Reports** will remain open until midnight of January 10, 2010. All districts, ESUs and other agencies that received any ARRA funds must complete and submit this report every quarter.