

### **Grants Management System**

The GMS will be off-line on Friday, July 17, 2009 for system upgrades. We intend to reopen the GMS by Friday noon. Please check the Portal for messages if needing to use the system.

### **NSSRS/CDC**

**IMPORTANT** - Districts are not required to submit "Requests to Change Data" for assessment or other data. The NSSRS will be open from August 3 – 14. Districts simply resubmit data that needs to be changed during this window. This does not affect AYP Appeals (i.e. contesting a "NOT MET" decision). AYP Appeals must be received in writing at NDE by July 30.

NDE Program Data Managers are in the process of sending emails to districts regarding validation errors affecting their program (e.g. John Moon for assessment). Those emails may request a response from district staff to ensure they acknowledge the error and commit to resolving the error.

### **NSSRS Data Manager Upgrade**

NSSRS Data Manager was upgraded to the new release of eScholar's product line on July 15 which includes some changes to the user interface, including two changes that will impact the August 3 - 14 resubmission window. First, the "Upload" function has moved from the File Manager page to the main menu at the left. Second, you must specify if each file uploaded has a header record (i.e. a line at the top containing column names).

### **New Validation for Title I Programs**

A new "Title I Programs Roster" Verification report is now available on NSSRS Validation to assist your verifying the accuracy of the Title I Programs submission. This report lists all students for whom a Title I Programs template was submitted and for what areas.

### **Preview: State of the Schools Report 2008-09**

There are now two places to preview the AYP results for your district. The "Audit AYP" link shows the numbers used in calculating the AYP decisions. Under the Federal Accountability heading, the AYP-Adequate Yearly Progress link is now open. These pages are what will be displayed when the State of the Schools Report is opened to the public in October.

### **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Webpage**

<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/index.html>

New: The NDE ARRA webpage has been revised and additional information, in the form of Question and Answer Documents, has been added for ARRA Title I, IDEA and the Stabilization Funds. The anticipated opening date for the Stabilization Funds is August 3, 2009. Districts eligible for Stabilization Funds are encouraged to review the Question and Answer Document for Stabilization Funds to help with planning and budgeting.

The NDE's State and Federal Grant Management guidance and Requirements (July 2009) has been revised and is now posted on the ARRA website as well as under Grant Management System at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/gms2/index.htm>

### **ARRA ESEA Consolidated Applications**

We still have not received the ARRA Title II, Part D (Technology) allocations and instructions. This delay by USDE is providing some extra time for the ARRA ESEA Title I applications to be approved. As of today, there were still a few applications that were Returned for Changes and not resubmitted.

Remember, 100% of the ARRA ESEA Consolidated (Title I) applications must be approved before the ARRA ESEA Title II, Part D applications, in the form of an amendment to the ARRA ESEA Consolidated application, can be created.

**Rule 10 (Accreditation)**

The revisions to Rule 10 to incorporate the standards and assessment requirements of LB 1157 (new standards and assessments) have received final approval and are now in effect. It is posted at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/LEGAL/RULE10.html>.

A new requirement for districts:

004.01B No later than December 11, 2009, school districts adopt new academic content standards in the subject areas of reading and writing (language arts) determined by each district to be measurable quality standards that are the same as, equal to, or more rigorous than the state academic content standards in Appendix J (Language Arts Standards) of this Chapter.

Evidence of the adoption of the Language Arts standards should be documented within your district’s Board of Education minutes before December 11, 2009.

**Position Open**

NDE is currently advertising for an additional staff person to assist districts with follow-up on drop-out and completer data, cohort data, etc. Additional information is available at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/HR/currentopenings.htm> (Position 013-09026).

<b>NSSRS/CDC Calendar for 2008-09 Year-End Reporting and the State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Revised July 16, 2009</b>	
July 1 – July 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Districts review data, including AYP decisions, on the SOSR</li> <li>• District submit AYP Appeals, if any</li> <li>• NDE staff audit data and contact districts that need to change data or submit data</li> <li>• NSSRS is closed to districts (upgrades installed)</li> </ul>
August 3 – 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSSRS open to districts to resubmit data</li> </ul>
August 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSSRS opens for submission of Fall 2009-10 data</li> </ul>
October 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOSR is open to the public with AYP results but no NCLB qualified teacher data</li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCLB Qualified data is available on the SOSR Preview site</li> <li>• Districts submit Requests to Change Data if needed</li> </ul>
November 2 - 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSSRS is open for submission of 2008-09 data for dropouts</li> </ul>
November 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCLB Qualified Data is added to the public SOSR (the SOSR Preview is closed)</li> </ul>