

ARRA – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

ARRA School Lunch Equipment Assistance Grants

Nutrition Services National School Lunch Program

The Nebraska Department of Education Nutrition Services received over 250 applications for the 2009 ARRA Equipment Assistance Grant funding available to School Food Authorities (SFAs). The applications were of high quality and indicated a great deal of need among the various SFAs. All applications were reviewed against the established criteria which is posted at the address below. The decisions were difficult as \$3,123,386.95 was requested with just \$532,209.00 available to be awarded.

The Nebraska State Board of Education approved the selected proposals on June 10, 2009. The list of approved applications, evaluation criteria and other information is available on School Nutrition Services' web site at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ns/nslp/ARRA/ARRA.htm>

All grant applicants will be notified in writing of the results by **June 19, 2009**. For grant award recipients, specific instructions on how to request the grant funds will be provided.

ARRA Applications

- The Title I ARRA ESEA Consolidated Application is due June 26, 2009. If no application is submitted by this due date, we are assuming that the district does not intend to apply and will reallocate the funds to other districts.
- ARRA IDEA Applications and ARRA McKinney Homeless Education Applications are also open now.

State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Preview

The Preview: State of the Schools Report 2008-09 is available under Data Collections in the Portal. It allows districts to "see" how their data will look on the report card the day after it is submitted to the Nebraska Student and Staff Record System (NSSRS) and the Consolidated Data Collections (CDC). Thanks to all who have helped identify a few "bugs" that are being addressed. Note that the writing scores, used in AYP for Elementary and Middle schools, are still being updated as districts submit corrected writing data.