

## STATEWIDE WRITING

Districts are reminded that statewide Writing test appeals and corrections are due by Friday, May 22, 2009. Questions should be addressed to the Statewide Assessment Office (402) 471-2495.

### American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

**ARRA ESEA Consolidated Application for Title I Part A** is now open. It is accessed through the Portal under the GMS tab. The timelines (due dates, etc.) are provided under Reminders below.

**ARRA McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Application** is now open. Applications are due by June 30, 2009

**ARRA ESEA Enhancing Education Through Technology** Competitive Grant applications can be found at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/titleii/PartD/index.html> Note: The Enhancing Education Through Technology (regular NCLB) application is also available at the same address.

### REAP SRSA

REAP Small Rural Schools Achievement (SRSA) eligibility list is posted at: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/eligible09/index.html> Districts that are highlighted in yellow must apply. The U. S. Department of Education will be contacting districts that need to apply. Nebraska's contact at the USDE REAP office is [Robert.Hitchcock@ed.gov](mailto:Robert.Hitchcock@ed.gov) or (202)-260-1472. (Note – The eligibility file is to be updated today to include Cody-Kilgore as an eligible district.)

### ARRA/NCLB Update

The next ARRA/NCLB Update will be telecast on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. (Central) on NET\*SAT 105 and state channel 04. Additional details will follow.

### Reminders:

#### ARRA ESEA and NCLB Consolidated Applications Schedule

The table below identifies the opening and closing dates of the ARRA ESEA Consolidated Application that will eventually contain ARRA Title I, Part A and ARRA Title II, Part D. There are two applications since ARRA ESEA and NCLB (regular) funds for both Title I and Title II-D are one project with separate accounting.

The very tight timelines and the need for approval of one application before the next one opens are necessary to meet the requirements to (a) get the ARRA Title I funds out quickly; (b) have the ARRA Title II, Part D\* funds available by July 1; (c) ensure the data for Title I Targeting (eligible buildings and set-asides) remains the same in both applications; and (d) make it all work in the grants management system. \*While we do not yet have allocations or guidance for ARRA Title II, Part D, we have learned that it will have the same flexibility options (REAP-FLEX and Section 6123) as the regular NCLB Title II, Part D funds.

**NOTE: If any application is not submitted by the due dates listed below, we are assuming the district does not intend to apply for the funds and the funds will be released for reallocation (in the next year) to districts that do apply. There will be no extensions of the due dates for the ARRA applications. Please submit your application as soon as possible so we can stay on these timelines.**

ARRA ESEA and NCLB Consolidated Applications Schedule	
May 20, 2009	ARRA ESEA Consolidated Application opens with only Title I, Part A available
June 26, 2009	ARRA ESEA Application for Title I, Part A closes. If no application is received by this date, we are assuming the district does not intend to apply and the ARRA Title I funds will be released for later reallocation.
June 30, 2009	All ARRA ESEA Title I applications must be approved
July 1, 2009	ARRA Title II, Part D funds become available. This is not a separate application but an amendment of the ARRA ESEA Consolidated Application to add in ARRA Title II,

	Part D.
August 5, 2009	The ARRA ESEA Consolidated Application closes. Amendments adding in the ARRA Title II, Part D application must be submitted by this date. If no amendment (adding ARRA Title II, Part D) is submitted by this date, we are assuming the district does not intend to apply and the ARRA Title II, Part D funds will be released for later reallocation.
August 25, 2009	All ARRA ESEA Consolidated Applications must be approved.
August 26, 2009	Tentative Date for the NCLB Consolidated Application for 2009-10 opens.
October 9, 2009	NCLB Consolidated Application closes.

### State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Data Submission Timeline

To provide districts with an opportunity to see how their data will appear on the State of the School Report, a new SOSR Preview site has been developed. Data from all of the templates submitted in the Spring (due by June 30) through the Nebraska Student and Staff Record System (NSSRS) and the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) will be processed overnight and display on the new SOSR Preview site the next day. This will include AYP decisions as soon as the writing results are available. The SOSR Preview site will be accessed through the Portal and not available to the public. It will remain open continuously until the middle of November.

The addition of SOSR Preview changes the process for reviewing and resubmission of data. Written Requests to Change Data or AYP Appeals are to be submitted during July. This change in timeline provides districts their preliminary AYP status (identified school improvement) for Title I buildings and districts well in advance of the start of the school year as required by No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

June 1 – June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The new SOSR Preview will be available</li> <li>Districts can preview data the day after it is submitted</li> <li>Districts can resubmit data without NDE approval</li> <li>AYP results are displayed as soon as the writing results are available (hopefully before June 30)</li> <li>NDE program staff begin auditing data that is submitted</li> </ul>
June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due date for all data submissions in NSSRS and CDC</li> </ul>
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 and Requests to Change Data</li> <li>NDE approves Appeals and Requests</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 – August 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NSSRS open to districts to resubmit data related to approved Requests to Change 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>