

NDE Bulletin November 5, 2009

REAP Small Rural Schools Achievement Grants

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A file has been posted at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/index.htm>, under Featured Documents that includes the REAP Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) grant awards for fiscal years (FY) 2007, 2008, and 2009, and the unspent balance remaining for each grant. There is a separate tab at the bottom left of the spreadsheet for each fiscal year.

Any district with a remaining balance of FY 2007 SRSA funds must liquidate all obligated funds by December 30, 2009. After this date, the district will not be able to access any FY 2007 SRSA funds. Districts should retain ample documentation to prove that the funds they now seek to liquidate were obligated by September 30, 2009.

Districts that have remaining FY 2008 balances need to obligate those grant monies by September 30, 2010 and liquidate any obligated funds by December 30, 2010. For the FY 2009 SRSA grant awards that were mailed out earlier this year, grantees need to obligate award funds by September 30, 2011 and liquidate them by December 30, 2011.

ARRA/NCLB Update Telecast

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An ARRA/NCLB Update will be broadcast on NET SAT Channel 105 (ST CH 04) at 10:00 a.m. (Central Time) on Tuesday, November 10. The telecast will last no more than one hour. For technical assistance, please contact the NET Help Desk at 800-698-3426. The powerpoint presentation used in the telecast will be posted on the NDE homepage under ARRA and under NCLB (A-Z Topic List). A DVD of the telecast will be sent to all ESUs following the Broadcast. The agenda for this telecast:

- Time and Effort Logs – All federal funds
- Monitoring ARRA Funds
- Section 1512 Reporting
- ARRA Stabilization Funds
- NCLB's AYP Changes
- Study of School Level Expenditures
- Other Updates

State of the Schools Report

The 2008-09 State of the Schools Report has been updated to include the ACT results by district and the latest results from the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) for Nebraska.

NSSRS

Contact the NDE Helpdesk (NDE.helpdesk@nebraska.gov; 1-888-285-0556)

The 2009-2010 NSSRS Template Calendar (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/Calendar.htm>) was revised on 11/03/2009.

Approve NSSRS "Fall 2009-2010" Collection

Superintendents who have not already approved the NSSRS "Fall 2009-2010" collection within NSSRS Data Manager should do so as soon as possible using the following steps:

Log into the NDE Portal (<https://portal.nde.state.ne.us/>)

1. Click on the "Student and Staff (NSSRS)" tab

2. Click on NSSRS Data Manager
3. Choose 'Collections Approval' link from the menu on the left
4. Click on the green checkmark for the "Fall 2009-2010" collection mark in the column titled 'Action' (Note: a checkmark will not appear if this collection has already been approved)
5. Click 'OK'

The NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov) is available to provide assistance if you have any questions regarding the NSSRS approval process.

NSSRS November 4-13 Collection Window

NSSRS Data Manager will accept the following templates during the November 4 - 13 collection window:

- **2008-2009 Staff and Staff Assignment**, for districts that have submitted appeals to correct issues identified through the NCLB Highly qualified process.
- **2008-2009 School Enrollment**, for the purpose of identifying 2008-2009 dropouts. 2008-2009 summer graduates not already reported may also be included.
- **2008-2009 Year-end Special Education Snapshot**, for the purpose of providing Exit Reason [Special Education Snapshot:Primary Exit Reason Code (52)] values that match Enrollment Code [School Enrollment:Enrollment Code (7)] values provided on the School Enrollment template.
- **2008-2009 Title I Programs**, if you had students that were served by Title I during summer 2009 that were not already reported during the regular school year.