

NDE Bulletin  
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### **State of the Schools Report**

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Preview: State of the Schools Report 2009-10 (under Data collections in the Portal) at <https://portal.education.ne.gov/Site/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabindex=1&tabid=36> opens **FRIDAY (September 24, 2010) at 12:00 noon with NeSA- Reading and National Assessment Instrument (NAI or NRT) results and AYP decisions.**

Please remember all data on the Preview: State of the Schools Report is embargoed. Districts are not to release this data to the public or the press until the State of the Schools Report is open to the public on October 13, 2010.

### **Nebraska Student and Staff Record System**

#### **NDE Workdays for NSSRS Data Submissions**

Several NDE Workdays have been scheduled across the state. These workdays allow users to work on the NSSRS Data Submissions and other Data Collections in an uninterrupted environment with NDE staff on site to answer your questions or assist you in the process. Please contact your ESU for scheduled dates and registration procedures.

#### **Staff Salary Clarification for Public Districts and Special Purpose Schools (Staff Template Instructions)**

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Please review page 10 of the Staff Template Instruction Manual when reporting salary information on staff. Changes were made in 2008-2009 that were not noted in the “change summary”. To be sure all districts noticed the changes and are reporting consistently, see below:

- Base Salary includes Gross pay for the district-wide FTE assignment before deductions.  
From 2003-04 to 2007-08 the Employees contributions to Sec 125, 403(b) or any other tax deferred deductions was included in Base Salary. This has been moved to Benefits.
- Benefits include the Employee’s share of retirement, deferred compensation or Medicaid if paid by the district.  
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### **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

#### **ARRA 1512 Reporting (Opening September 15; Due October 5/CDC Collection)**

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Section 1512 of ARRA requires reporting of jobs created/saved and vendor information on a quarterly basis. NDE will collect this information from every sub-recipient (district, ESU or School Food Authority)

through an ARRA Section 1512 Reporting program NDE Portal - Consolidated Data Collections (CDC) at <http://portal.education.ne.gov/>.

ARRA Section 1512 Reporting for the quarter ending on September 30 will open on September 15 and will remain open for submissions through October 5, 2010. Every sub-recipient must complete the reporting requirements, even if there has not been any payment(s) received or new jobs saved/retained. Failure to comply with this reporting requirement will put the sub-recipients out of compliance and jeopardize receipt of all federal funds until the next reporting period. The Department has developed Frequently Asked Questions located at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ARRA/PDF/ARRA%20JobsAccountabilityActQA.pdf>.

Central Contractor Registration (CCR) information must be updated at least once a year and is a requirement for receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds and reporting for Section 1512 of ARRA. Please check your registration to ensure that it has not expired or will not expire this year. You may check the status of your registration at <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>

### **State Fiscal Stabilization Funds**

Contact Ron Theasmeyer at (402-471-3570 or [ron.theasmeyer@nebraska.gov](mailto:ron.theasmeyer@nebraska.gov)), or Bryce Wilson at (402-471-3323 or [bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov](mailto:bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov)).

**The SFSF Applications must be submitted by September 30, 2010.** An SFSF Application is not complete and cannot be approved until NDE has received a printed version of the assurances (from the application) that has been signed by the Superintendent and the President of the School Board. The printed version of the assurances must be mailed to the Commissioner of Education, P. O. Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987.

### **Reminders:**

#### **CDC: Instructions for Excessive Absenteeism Monthly Collection**

Contact: Jill Aurand (402-471-3321 or [jill.aurand@nebraska.gov](mailto:jill.aurand@nebraska.gov))

The "Excessive Absenteeism Monthly Collection" opens October 1 and is due October 10. Instructions for this collection are in the "Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) Instructions" section on the NSSRS Documents web page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Documents.htm>), which now include additional examples, screen prints, and frequently asked questions.