

# ABCs of ARRA

(American Recovery and Reinvestment Act)

# Goals of ARRA



- *Stimulate* economy in short term
- *Invest* to ensure the health of the economy in the long term

Nationally, for Education

ARRA =

\$100,000,000,000

(\$100 Billion over two years)

# Massachusetts, for Education

ARRA =

\$1,302,000,000 +

(over two years)

# Breakdown of ARRA Education Funds for Massachusetts

- Early Education and Care
  - Child Care \$24.0 M
  - Children and Family Services \$10.1 M
- Elementary and Secondary
  - Title I \$163.4 M
  - Title II D (Ed Tech) \$10.5 M
  - IDEA \$280.5 M
- ESE and Department of Higher Education
  - Stabilization \$813.3 M\*

\*Total allocation is \$994.4 M, 18.2% is for public safety and other services which may include school building modernization, renovation and repair.

# ARRA Competitive Grants

- Teacher Incentive Funds \$200 M
  - Performance-based compensation
- Longitudinal Data Systems \$250 M
- State Incentive Grants \$5 B
  - “Race to the top”
- Innovation Fund \$650 M
  - Achievement awards for teachers, schools, and districts

# Other Education-Related Funds

- School Construction Bonds
- Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
- Pell and Work Study Grants
- Higher Education Teacher Quality Enhancement Program

# Principles of ARRA for Education

- Spend funds *quickly* to *save* and *create* jobs
- Improve student achievement through reforms
  - Standards and assessments (Curriculum & Instruction)\*
  - PK-College Data Systems (Accountability Redesign)\*
  - Teacher Effectiveness (Educator Development)\*
  - Student Support Services (Supports for Students)\*
- Avoid the “funding cliff”
  - Invest in ways that do not result in unsustainable commitments after the funding expires
- Ensure transparency, reporting, and accountability

\* Board’s and Commissioner’s Goals



According to Education Secretary Arne Duncan, \$44 billion in Recovery Act funding will be available to states in the next 30 to 45 days. This is to help avert hundreds of thousands of estimated teacher layoffs while driving crucial education improvements and results for students.

# Schedule for Distribution of Funds

- Title I and IDEA
  - 50% to be released to SEAs by the end of this month without requiring new state applications
  - Remainder of Title I, IDEA funds to be made available during period July 1 to September 30 2009.
- Stabilization Funds
  - The application for these funds will be made available to Governors by the end of this month. 67% of funding to Governors within 2 weeks after receipt of an approvable application. Remainder this fall.
- Title IID and Title I School Improvement Grants
  - Fall 2009, conditioned on guidelines to be provided in the future
- Competitive Grants in the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010

# ARRA Accountability Requirements

- For all funds, SEAs must separately account for, and report on, how ARRA funds were spent *and* the results of the expenditures.
- Districts receiving Title I funds must report a school-by-school listing of PPEs from state and local sources.
- For Stabilization Funds, governors will have to report the number of jobs created or saved, estimated tax increases that were averted, and the state's progress against the application assurances.
- USDE has indicated they will require quarterly collections of data, all of which will be posted on the government website.

# Next Steps for Massachusetts

- ESE and EOE are working together to review and disseminate rules and guidance from USED
- Expect to provide districts with their individual allotments by the end of the month
- Determining process for accessing the money and how the dollars can be spent
- Already met with union and association leadership; plan to meet with superintendents March 30