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To: District Administrators

From: Jerry Coleman  
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Re: ARRA Education Stabilization Funding Application

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North Dakota used \$85.6 million in Education Stabilization Funds (SFSF) to restore the level of State support for elementary and secondary education to the FY 2009 level (\$375.4 million). This funding is added to state funds and will be distributed through the state aid formula.

The state funding formula is the mechanism to determine the amount of Education Stabilization funds that each LEA will receive. The funds remain **federal funds**, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the Federal laws referenced in III-D-1 (contained in Federal Guidance on the SFSF program), and other applicable Federal requirements (such as OMB cost principles) govern their use.

In order to receive federal funds, school districts must have **on file with the State** an application that, among other things, provides assurances that it (1) will administer the program in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations and (2) use fiscal control and fund accounting procedures that will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, the funds.

School Finance has designed an application that will satisfy the assurances requirement and also collect information on the intended uses of the education stabilization funds. DPI has been designated prime recipient for this funding and will prepare the ARRA Section 1512 quarterly reports on behalf of the school districts using information provided in the application.

Please complete, sign and return the application to DPI as soon as possible.

- The application must be on file before payments can be processed.
- The due date is September 21, 2009.
- For simplicity, we are recommending that school districts charge all education stabilization funding to instructional salaries.

Additional information relating to the transparency, accountability and reporting requirements of the ARRA act will be published on our website at <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/stimulus/stimulus.shtm>.

Please contact me at (701) 328-4051 if you have questions.