

## Harrison County School District American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

The Mississippi Department of Education is providing the Title I, Part A, ARRA Application as an addendum to the FY2010 Consolidated Federal Programs Application. Due to the nature of Title I, Part A, ARRA funds, the plan must further assist local educational agencies to implement supplemental educational program designed to address the needs of students most at risk or failing to meet state academic achievement standards. The expectation is that LEAs will utilize ARRA dollars for the explicit purpose of advancing school reforms and improvements that will create long lasting results for students.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provides significant new funding for programs under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) (No Child Left Behind). These funds create an unprecedented opportunity for educators to implement innovative strategies in Title I schools that improve education for at-risk students and close the achievement gaps while also stimulating the economy. The additional resources will enable LEAs to serve more students and boost the quality of teaching and learning.

The overall goals of the ARRA are to stimulate the economy in the short term and invest in education and other essential public services to ensure the long-term economic health of our nation. The success of the education part of the ARRA will depend on the shared commitment and responsibility of all stakeholders. We must advance the ARRAs short-term economic goals by investing quickly, and we must support the ARRAs long term economic goals by investing wisely, using these funds to strengthen education, drive reforms, and improve results for students from early learning through college. Four principles guide the distribution and use of ARRA funds:

1. Spend funds quickly to save and create jobs.
2. Improve student achievement through school improvement and reform.
3. Ensure transparency, reporting and accountability.
4. Invest one-time ARRA funds thoughtfully to minimize the funding cliff.

The main goal for the Harrison County School District is to use these funds to drive improved results for all students.