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TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Jim McBride, Ed. D.

DATE: February 26, 2009

SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act information

For Your Information

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), includes significant funds for Wyoming schools. Commonly referred to as the “stimulus bill,” ARRA will provide \$54 million in funds via Title I and IDEA that will flow directly to schools districts. Other program funding and competitive grants affecting K-12 may also be available. The Wyoming Department of Education is working closely with partners at the federal level to implement ARRA in our state.

I am attaching a summary specific to Wyoming regarding the broad array of programs and funding possibilities included in ARRA.

Estimates have also been provided by the U.S. Department of Education regarding the availability of Title I funding.

While most of these funds will flow to districts based on existing federal formulas, additional application, accountability and transparency requirements have also been included.

I participated in a conference call on Wednesday with Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education. He indicates that his agency is working to provide guidance, application and regulations regarding the additional funds. We will advise districts as soon as we receive this information.

I have taken the opportunity to form a WDE internal oversight taskforce that is aggressively pursuing any information and research on each of the areas of education. They are meeting regularly to make sure we are

proactive and prepared to handle the recovery funds that flow our way. They are also being proactive in examining competitive grants and alternative funding sources to insure that no opportunities are missed for Wyoming school districts.

In addition, members of my staff are taking an active part in the state taskforce that has been instituted by the Governor to handle the management of the stimulus funds at a state level.

My philosophy on these funds is that it is an opportunity to make a positive impact on academic achievement and provide local community support. We want these funds to be used appropriately and for educational strategies that are effective. We will be accountable for how the funds are spent and report that information to the public as the federal government is requiring.

I hope that this provides some basic information on the direction and actions that my staff and I are taking with regards to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Please feel free to contact us with questions and we will answer them to the best of our ability and knowledge.

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Attachment

Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies - WYOMING
Allocations under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
Preliminary Estimates

<u>LEA ID</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Estimated Title I Allocations Under ARRA*</u>
5600730	ALBANY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	1,130,274
5601420	BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	238,746
5601460	BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 02	180,589
5603170	BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 03	97,730
5601090	BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 04	67,986
5601470	CAMPBELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	1,077,159
5601030	CARBON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	488,652
5601700	CARBON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 02	186,963
5602140	CONVERSE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	403,669
5602150	CONVERSE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 02	186,963
5602370	CROOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	189,087
5602870	FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	520,521
5602670	FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 02	46,741
5602830	FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 06	76,485
5604450	FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 14	655,111
5602820	FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 21	471,677
5605700	FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 24	65,862
5605220	FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 25	1,007,671
5600960	FREMONT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 38	475,588
5602990	GOSHEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	701,172
5603310	HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	189,087
5603770	JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	265,572
5601980	LARAMIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	4,543,402
5604120	LARAMIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 02	357,605
5604030	LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	106,229
5604060	LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 02	516,272
5604510	NATRONA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	4,466,918
5604230	NIOBRARA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	93,481
5605160	PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	593,576
5602070	PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 06	735,103
5604380	PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 16	29,744
5605090	PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	431,594
5603180	PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 02	74,420
5605690	SHERIDAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	152,969
5605695	SHERIDAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 02	888,072
5605680	SHERIDAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 03	23,370
5604860	SUBLETTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	101,980
5601260	SUBLETTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 09	108,353
5605302	SWEETWATER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	979,429
5605762	SWEETWATER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 02	378,174
5605830	TETON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	365,427
5602760	UINTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	656,493
5604500	UINTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 04	101,980
5604260	UINTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 06	142,346
5606240	WASHAKIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	453,242
5605820	WASHAKIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 02	33,993
5604830	WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 01	163,592
5606090	WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 07	31,869
5681029	BALANCE OF PARK COUNTY	0
5699999	PART D SUBPART 2	960,308

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* Actual amounts received by LEAs will be smaller than shown here due to State-level adjustments to Federal Title I allocations. States adjust allocations, for example, to reflect LEA boundary changes or the creation of new LEAs, including charter school LEAs, that are not accounted for in the statutory calculations. States also are permitted to reserve up to 1 percent of allocations for administration and generally must reserve 4 percent in fiscal year 2009 for school improvement activities.

February 25, 2009

ARRA Distribution Mechanisms: Wyoming Benefits - Direct and Indirect

Identified federal stimulus monies can be categorized as follows using the best information available to date:

I. Estimated “Discretionary” Dollars Available – Approximately \$15 million

- \$15M State Fiscal Stabilization Fund – “Other Government Services,” *precise scope of eligible projects is unknown*; Governor must apply to U.S. Secretary of Education

**II. Estimated “Non-Discretionary” Dollars Available – Total Not Determinable
Approximately \$501.8 million (known)**

A. CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE / ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- \$157M Federal Highway Administration; WYDOT formula grant
- \$9.3M Federal Transit Administration; WYDOT formula grant
- \$19.2M Clean Water State Revolving Fund; formula grant by application
- \$19.5M Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; formula grant by application
- \$1.7M Diesel Emissions Reduction; formula grant by application; federal reimbursement
- \$1M Leaking Underground Storage Tank Remediation
- \$194K Water Quality Total Maximum Daily Load Restoration
- \$1-2M U.S. Forest Service grants for state and private land projects
- \$5.9M Military Operations and Maintenance (Air Force and Army)

Other national programs:

- \$210M (national total) Diesel Emissions Reduction; competitive grants
- \$1.1B (national total) Federal Aviation Administration; competitive grants
- \$1.5B (national total) Supplemental Discretionary Grants for Surface Transportation Modes with Significant Impact; competitive grants

B. EDUCATION

- \$67.6M State Fiscal Stabilization Fund – Education Specific, Governor application to Secretary of Education
- \$26.2M Education K-12; Title I; federal funding through Dept. of Education to School Districts
- \$25.8M Education K-12; Special Education IDEA; federal funding through Dept. of Education to School Districts
- \$6.8M Education Title IA; School Improvement Grants; incentive funds by competitive grant application
- \$3.2M Education K-12; Educational Technology Grants; school improvement program; federal funding through Dept. of Education to School Districts; possibly competitive grants
- \$69K Education of Homeless Children and Youth; state sub-grant to LEAs

Other national programs:

- Higher Education – Pell Grants; direct federal aid to students

- Higher Education – Teacher Quality Enhancement; \$100M national total competitive grants

C. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

- \$59M Federal Medical Assistance (FMAP); percentage formulaic increases
- Transitional Medical Assistance Extension; continuation of existing budgeted dollars
- \$350K Disproportionate Share Hospitals; federal money directly to certain hospitals
- Qualified Individual (QI) Program extension through 12/21/10; no new money
- \$_____ Health Information Technology; state grant program to be developed; may require state match (10%)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - \$29.6M Carryover Funds; removal of restrictions on use of existing funds; federal reimbursement
 - Caseload reduction credit; hold harmless provision, no additional dollars
- \$3.3M Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP) reimbursable administrative costs dependent on caseload; 13.6% increase in direct client benefits allocated as state grants
- \$2.6M Child Care Development Block Grant; increases federal spending authority; federal funding reimbursement; must be used to supplement, not supplant state general revenues
- \$1.5M Child Support; federal reimbursement; 2 –year relief to state general fund

Other national programs:

- \$1.5B (national total) Homelessness Prevention Fund
- Health Information Technology
 - \$2B (national total) competitive grant program to be developed to establish loan fund
 - \$17B (national total) Medicaid provider reimbursement/provider incentive payments
- \$1B (national total) Prevention and Wellness; U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services must provide Congress with an operating plan; possible state access to dollars to implement healthcare- associated infection prevention strategies; most money will stay at federal administrative level
- \$150M (national total) veterans extended care facilities
- \$100M (national total) senior nutrition programs
- \$87.5M (national total) independent living centers

D. WORKFORCE TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT

- \$14.25M Unemployment Insurance Modernization (additional Reed Act monies); would require statutory changes to access; \$200K/year for administration
- \$2.2M State Employment Service and Reemployment Services Grants; formula grants; bill Dept. of Labor
- \$2.1M Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants
- Training and Employment Services; formula grants
 - \$1.25M adult
 - \$528K dislocated worker
 - \$2.95M youth (summer activity)

- \$447K Experienced Works, federal contractor; community service employment for older workers
- \$126K Community Service Employment Program (CSEP) – Older Workers
- Unemployment Insurance Benefit Extension; payments made from federal funds; waiver of accrual/interest payments if Wyoming borrows from FUA
- \$_____ Social Security Administration; disability determination services office

Other National programs:

- \$750M (national total) Training and Employment Services; competitive grants, including renewable energy sector

E. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND VICTIM SERVICES

- \$5-6M Byrne Justice Assistance Grants; formula distribution (drug enforcement teams)
- \$_____ Violence Against Women; formula grant, by application
- Victims Compensation and Victims Assistance (VOCA), formula grants by application
 - \$174K victims compensation
 - \$535K victims assistance
- \$850K Internet Crimes Against Children; formula grant by application; Wyoming is 1 of 59 ICACs

Other national programs:

- \$225M (national total) Byrne Justice Assistance Grants; competitive grants
- \$125M (national total) Rural Law Enforcement Grants; competitive grants
- \$_____ High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area; existing program; competitive grants

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / ENERGY / RESEARCH

- \$20.4M State Energy Programs; current formulas; federal reimbursement; Governor must provide assurances to Secretary of Energy
- Energy Efficiency Block Grants
 - \$6.2M (of which \$3.5M is allocated to cities, towns and counties; Cheyenne and Casper get their own allocation); formula grants; federal funding reimbursement
- \$1-3M Community Development Block Grant – FY08 distribution formula
- \$_____ Home Weatherization; increased spending authority with federal government; federal funding reimbursement
- \$_____ additional program funds - Neighborhood Stabilization Program; competitive grants; money directly to WCDA
- \$3M HOME Investment Partnership; FY08 distribution formula; fill gaps in low income housing tax credit projects; money to WCDA, not state

Other national programs:

- \$1.83B (national total) competitive coal conversion grants
- \$1.57B (national total) competitive carbon capture/storage grants
- \$6.8B (national total) competitive renewable energy grants
- \$11B (national total) energy infrastructure grants
- \$2.4B (national total) competitive energy efficiency grants