A photograph of a classroom from the back of the room. Students are seated at dark wooden desks with attached chairs, facing a large projection screen at the front. The screen displays the text 'SAVING AND CREATING JOBS AND REFORMING EDUCATION'. Above the screen, the text 'American Recovery and Reinvestment Act' is visible. The room has a high ceiling with a grid of recessed lights and large windows on the sides. A teacher is visible at the front of the room near the screen.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

**SAVING AND
CREATING JOBS
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**Florida Department of
Education
April 2009**



Saving and Creating Jobs and Reforming Education

“In a global economy where the most valuable skill you can sell is your knowledge, a good education is no longer just a pathway to opportunity - it is a pre-requisite. The countries that out-teach us today will out-compete us tomorrow.”

- President Barack Obama, 2/24/09



Historic, One-time Investment

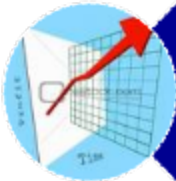
- **Over \$100 billion education investment**
- **Historic opportunity to stimulate economy and improve education**
- **Success depends on leadership, judgment, coordination, and communication**



Guiding Principles



**Spend Quickly to Save and
Create Jobs**



**Ensure Transparency and
Accountability**



**Thoughtfully Invest One-time
Funds**



Advance Effective Reforms

Advance Core Reforms: Assurances

Achieve Equity In Teacher
Distribution and Teacher
Quality

Enhance Academic Standards
and Assessments

Improve the Collection and
Use of Data

Support Struggling Schools



Available to Florida by April 1, 2009

- **State Stabilization - \$1.48 billion (67%)**
- **IDEA, Parts B - \$323.48 million (50%)**
- **Title I, Part A - \$246.27 million (50%)**
- **Vocational Rehabilitation - \$16.08 million (50%)**
- **Homeless Youth - \$3.11 million (100%)**
- **Independent Living - \$ 3.36 million (100% of formula monies; competitive grants to follow)**
- **Impact Aid – Florida amount to be determined (100% of formula monies; competitive grants to follow)**



Additional Funding Becomes Available between Summer and Fall 2009

- **Pell & Work Study - (100%)**
- **State Stabilization - \$728.91 million (33%)**
- **IDEA , Parts B - \$ 323.48 million in (50%)**
- **Title I, Part A - \$ 246.27 million (50%)**
- **Title I School Improvement - \$142.76 million (100%)**
- **Enhancing Education through Technology - \$30.32 million (100%)**
- **Vocational Rehabilitation - \$16.08 million (50%)**
- **Statewide Data Systems - \$2 to 20 million (100%)**
- **Teacher Incentive Fund – (100%)**
- **Teacher Quality Enhancement – (100%)**



Balance Speed and Effectiveness

- Balance speed and stimulus with careful planning and effective reforms
- States should award funds to LEAs as quickly as is prudent and LEAs should use funds expeditiously but sensibly
- LEA obligation timelines:
 - State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF): must be obligated by September 30, 2011
 - Title I, Part A: in absence of a waiver, 85% by Sept 30, 2010; any remaining by Sept 30, 2011
 - IDEA, Part B: majority during school years 2008/09 and 2009/10 and remainder by September 30, 2011

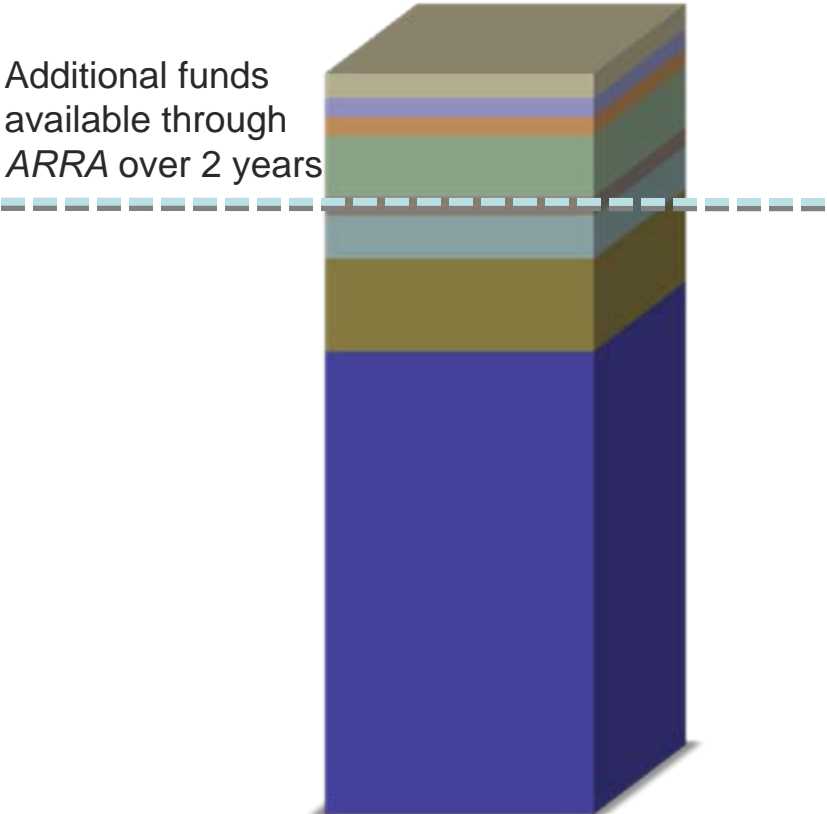


Short-term Investments that Produce Lasting Results; Avoid “The Cliff”

- Maximize short-term investments with lasting results for:
 - students
 - teacher, school, and district capacity for improvement
- Minimize unsustainable ongoing commitments
- Integrate coherent improvement strategies that are aligned with the core reform goals

Significant Impact on High Needs Schools' Budgets

Additional funds available through ARRA over 2 years



- ARRA School Improvement Grants
- ARRA IDEA
- ARRA Title 1
- ARRA Stabilization
- IDEA FY 09
- ESEA FY 09
- Additional State Aid
- Basic State & Local Funding Formula



ARRA Funds Available for School and College Facilities Over the Next Two Years

- **SFSF for Education**
 - LEAs have discretion to use for construction, modernization, renovation, and repair under ESEA Impact Aid authority
 - Governor has discretion to make available for IHEs for modernization, renovation, and repair
- **SFSF for Government Services**
 - Governor has discretion to make available
- **Impact Aid**
- **Qualified School Construction Bonds**
- **Qualified Zone Academy Bonds**
- **Consider facilities for early childhood education and the community and should create “green” buildings**



State Fiscal Stabilization Fund for Education: Uses of Funds

- Education funds for elementary and secondary must run through State's primary funding formulae
- LEAs may use funds for any activity authorized under ESEA, IDEA, Adult Ed, or Perkins, including modernization of school facilities and salaries to avoid teacher layoffs
- LEAs encouraged to use funds for activities that advance progress on the assurances and drive lasting results without unsustainable recurring costs



State Fiscal Stabilization Fund for Education: Uses for IHEs

- IHEs may use education funds for:
 - education and general expenditures
 - mitigating tuition and fee increases for in-State students
 - modernization, renovation, and repair of facilities used for instruction, research, student housing



State Fiscal Stabilization Fund for Government Services

- **18.2%; \$8.8 billion**
- **States may use for education, public safety and other government services**
- **May include modernization, renovation, and repair of public schools and public and private college facilities**



Accountability and Transparency

- All ARRA funds must be tracked separately
 - Quarterly reports on both financial information and how funds are being used
 - Estimated number of jobs created
 - Subcontracts and sub-grants required to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act
- Reporting template being developed for use by States to capture required information
- Transparency allows opportunity to quantify/define goals and mobilize support for improving results for all students



More Information

- www.ed.gov and www.recovery.gov and www.FlaRecovery.com
- Preliminary information about each State's IDEA allocation:
<http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/Statetables/recovery.html>
- Preliminary estimates of Title I, Part A recovery allocations to each State and LEA are available at: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/news.html#ARRA>
- SFSF Questions: State.fiscal.fund@ed.gov
- IDEA Questions: IDEArecoverycomments@ed.gov
- Title I Questions: oese@ed.gov
- Inspector General Questions: rich.rasa@ed.gov
- Independent Living and Vocational Rehabilitation Questions:
RSARecoverActComments@ed.gov