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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Superintendent  
**FROM:** Sandy Garrett  
**DATE:** October 23, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** Title I, Part A, ARRA, and IDEA, Part B, ARRA Funds

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has four guiding principles that reflect the priorities of ARRA:

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.”

Districts received the first 50% of ARRA funds with the intent that these funds be spent effectively but quickly. We still have many districts that have not yet used these funds. It is critical that the Title I, Part A, ARRA and/or the IDEA, Part B, ARRA funds be spent now to support efforts to improve student achievement.

The second portion of ARRA funds are available after a Title I, Part A, ARRA, and/or IDEA, Part B, ARRA application are approved and will be available on a claims reimbursement basis. Section 18.21(b) of Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) establishes the basic standard that methods and procedures for payment shall minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds and disbursement by the grantee, in accordance with Treasury regulations at 31CFR, part 205.

If you have questions, please contact the Title I office at (405) 521-2846 or the Special Education office at (405) 521-4865.

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