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### ARRA – TITLE I-A AND SIA-A

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Subject: Use of **Title I** *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)*  
Funds During the Summer of 2009

To expedite the use of *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)* funds, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has developed a "Request for Approval Summer Program 2009" to be used by those districts interested in conducting summer 2009 activities using *ARRA* Title I, Part A and/or SIA, Part A funds. Districts are permitted to obligate up to 50% of the *ARRA* Title I, Part A award and 100% of the *ARRA* SIA, Part A award for 2009 summer activities. The *ARRA* funds are in addition to the regular Title I funds that are annually awarded to districts/schools.

*ARRA* funds should be used to improve student achievement and help close the achievement gap. The federal government has identified the following areas of focus to help improve student achievement through school improvement and reform:

- Making progress toward rigorous college- and career-ready standards and high quality assessments that are valid and reliable for all students, including English language learners and students with disabilities.
- Establishing pre-K to college and career data systems that progress and foster continuous improvement.
- Making improvement in teacher effectiveness and in the equitable distribution of qualified teachers for all students, particularly students who are most in need.
- Providing intensive support and effective interventions for the lowest-performing schools.
- Improving results for all students, including early learning, extended learning time, use of technology, preparation for college and school modernization.

The NJDOE is making the *ARRA* funds available quickly so that districts can move forward with program implementation during the summer. To this end, districts will be able to use a portion of their *ARRA* Title I funds to conduct a range of activities, such as: