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Education Department Opens Web Page for Information on Stimulus Funds

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) has added a section to its Web site to provide information about federal stimulus funds for education from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The Web site, ARRA@RIDE, contains links to the applications for funds and guidance that have been posted by the U.S. Department of Education, links to other informational sites about ARRA education funds, informational postings and advisories issued by RIDE, and a link to the Rhode Island Web site on ARRA.

“We see this as an excellent way to keep the education field and the public at large informed about news and issues regarding the application process for these federal funds and the potential uses of these funds,” said Peter McWalters, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. “It is important that we stay well informed about this topic so that Rhode Island schools can receive their full entitlement of federal funds. These funds will be used to save and create jobs and to improve student achievement.”

The site contains sections on the major educational funds that ARRA has established (the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, Title I funds, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funds, and other funds, including competitive grants). It has a unique e-mail address for questions and comments (arra@ride.ri.gov) and a section that will post questions and answers, as they are generated.

The site address is: <http://www.ride.ri.gov/Finance/Funding/ARRA/>, and it is accessible from the RIDE home page, www.ride.ri.gov