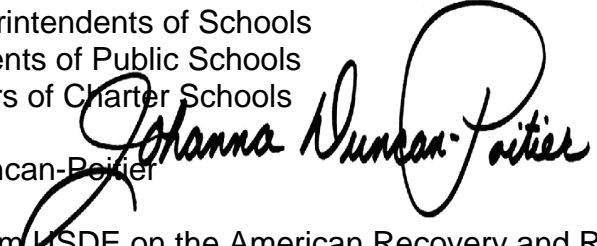




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To: District Superintendents of Schools
Superintendents of Public Schools
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Subject: Guidance from USDE on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Over the weekend the U.S. Department of Education issued four new guidance documents on the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* (ARRA). These documents are available at <http://www.ed.gov/recovery/>.

The first describes the principles and strategy that will guide the distribution and implementation of ARRA funds appropriated to the U.S. Department of Education.

The other three provide initial guidelines for three key components of the ARRA:

- the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund;
- Title I, Part A of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*; and
- Part B of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA).

The U.S. Department of Education will issue guidelines on other ARRA components as they are developed. All available information will be posted at <http://www.ed.gov/recovery/>.

Department staff will continue to study the federal guidance and will provide additional information to you as we learn more. We welcome your questions which you can submit to arra@mail.nysed.gov.

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