

Summary of NYSED Monitoring Plans for State Fiscal Stabilization Funds Other Government Services

ARRA Program	Application on file	Brief Description of Monitoring plan	Proposed Monitoring Dates	Contact Office	No. of Entities to be visited
Teacher Resources & Computer Training Centers	Yes	Desk review and on-site monitoring	July-August 2010	Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Standards	9
Math & Science High Schools	Yes	Desk review and on-site monitoring	April-August 2010	Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Standards	3
Roosevelt Academic Grant	Yes	Desk review and on-site monitoring	August 2010	School Operations & Management Services	1
Teacher-Mentor Intern Program	Yes	Desk review and on-site monitoring	April-August 2010	Office of Teaching	6
Syracuse-Say Yes to Education	Yes	Desk review and on-site monitoring	July 2010	Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Standards	1
Public Broadcasting	Yes	Desk review and on-site monitoring	March and July 2010	Cultural Education	4
Pre-School Special Education	Will be implemented	Desk review and on-site monitoring	March-July 2010	Vocational & Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities	8

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Teacher Resources & Computer Training Centers

ARRA funding was provided to 133 teacher centers, 6 regional teaching centers, and 7 teacher center committees in 2009-10. These centers provide professional development to educators across the State. NYSED has selected fifteen teacher centers that received the largest awards. On the monitoring visits, attention will be focused on evidence that the protocol is being followed. Fiscal records will be reviewed, the manner of calculations used for jobs saved/created will be analyzed and salary information will be scrutinized. Vendor invoices (if any) will be checked for allowable expenditures and documentation of FS-25's to ensure that no funds were requested without adequate documentation. Policy and procedures governing compliance on all elements will be analyzed, including internal controls to ensure the avoidance of fraud, waste and abuse.

Math and Science High School

ARRA Math and Science High School grants were provided to three programs; including Nazareth College/Rochester City School District, Tech Valley High School and Bard College. NYSED will monitor all three entities to ensure appropriate use of funds, compliance with protocol and guidance offered. NYSED will look for evidence of this compliance by examining fiscal records, documentation of vendor files, correct quarterly reporting and basic adherence to policy and procedures.

Special Academic Improvement Grant (Roosevelt)

The Roosevelt Union Free School District received ARRA funds in 2009-10. On-site monitoring will be accomplished by May 2010 to ensure the appropriate use of funds and to scrutinize compliance with guidance and protocols. Monitoring will occur every 6 months in addition to weekly phone contacts with the Business Administrator. In addition, the NYS Office of Comptroller has completed quarterly audits of the school district since March 2007.

Mentor Teacher Internship Program

This program enables experienced teachers (mentors) in a district or BOCES to provide guidance and support to beginning teachers (interns) in their first or second year of teaching. NYSED will review 4-5 school district based on risk factors including delayed program implementation and expenditure patterns. Districts will submit an interim report to NYSED by March 2, 2010. The report will include the names of mentors and interns served, number of hours of release from instructional time, fiscal reports and annual salaries.

Syracuse Say Yes to Education

Syracuse Say Yes to Education is collaboration between Syracuse University (SU), Say Yes to Education, Inc. (Say Yes), and the Syracuse City School District. The program has two core components: a K-12 comprehensive support program designed to address the key barriers to college access and the promise of free tuition, fees, and books for all participants. ARRA funds were used primarily to hire four social workers. The field visits will be targeted to four locations with the purpose of verifying the expenditure and to ensure the appropriate use of funds.

Public Broadcasting

The ARRA grant allowed sub-recipients to staff an Educational Services office at each station NYSED monitoring activities will include field visits to all eight radio stations and eight broadcasting stations that received the funds. The plan is to field visit all eight radio stations and eight broadcast studios. The field visits will verify reported expenditures, check for compliance with our guidance, ascertain that policy and procedures were followed and are in place to ensure protocols are being met.

Pre-School Special Education

Section 4410 of NYS Education Law established the process for pre-school students with disabilities to receive special education services. The program is currently funded by counties and the State. ARRA funds will be used to support a portion of the State share of these costs in 2010-11. The monitoring plan will be a sub-set of programs on risk basis of pre-school Special Education Programs and will be accomplished this calendar year.