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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: June 1, 2010
TO: Members, Board of Education
FROM: Steve Atwater, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
RE: Update on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Background: The District's receipt of federal stimulus funds as a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has allowed it to make improvements in a variety of areas. These improvements include tangible items such as the addition of computer hardware and those that are less obvious such as transporting homeless students. The following paragraphs detail the expenditures in each of the identified categories of our Stimulus Funds. The District expects to receive, in total, \$10,121,811 in ARRA funds.

Title I, Part A

Awarded amount: 1,776,201.00

Expended in FY10: 704, 843

Stimulus funds under Title I, Part A are used to provide professional development support for all Title I schools and staff in those schools. Schools assess their own needs and develop a plan for how they will use the funds to support professional learning in their schools. These additional funds are also used to enhance parent involvement and communication. Funds will also be used to provide extended day and extended year programs at Title I schools. Schools will be integral in determining the needs of their students and guiding the development of extended day/year programs. Finally, funds are provided for Pre-K programs in 5 elementary schools.

McKinney Vento Homeless

Awarded amount: 37,587

Expended in FY10: 16,478

These funds are being used to provide for the needs of children and youth served in the KPBSD Child in Transition (Homeless) program. Funds provide for transportation to school, school supplies, clothing, and other basic needs necessary for schooling to be successful and uninterrupted. These funds also provide for extended contract days for the Homeless Liaisons during the summer to provide continued support for student attendance at summer school programs. \

Title II, Part D (Ed Tech)

Awarded amount: 97,492

Expended in FY10: 70,739

Title II, Part D ARRA funds are being used primarily to provide extensive training in technology based instructional and management programs. Training is planned for Google Apps, Edline and Gradequick, and to fund 3 teachers to attend the state technology conference. Equipment for additional distance delivery staff will also be secured through these funds. Online educational programs are also supported through this program. These include language programs through the use of Rosetta Stone.

Title VI, Part B (Services for students with disabilities)

Awarded amount: 2,448,443

Expended in FY10: 760,845

Title VI, Part B ARRA funds provide support in several areas. Extensive training for specialists working with Students with Disabilities is a primary focus. These activities include effective strategies for working with students with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome. Funds have also provided additional equipment updates for the deaf and visually impaired students in the district.

Preschool Disabled

Awarded amount: 99,302

Expended in FY10: 0

These funds will provide additional classroom supplies and upgrades to antiquated equipment being used in the KPBSD preschool programs for disabled students. KPBSD operates 5 preschool programs for disabled children. Regular funds from the Preschool Disabled grant provide for staffing in these programs but were not enough to include equipment upgrades.

Student Nutrition Equipment

Awarded amount: 10,000

Expended in FY10: 7,962

These funds were used for food service equipment.

State Fiscal Stabilization Funds

Amount: 5,652,786

Expended in FY10: 2,180,683

These funds are less restrictive than the Title funds and have mostly been used to purchase tangible items such as Smartboards, laptop computers, outfitting professional development rooms and vocational equipment. Reason for this Worksession: To update you on the District's FY10 use of the ARRA funds.