

# The Federal Stimulus: An Overview

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# *American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 -- Overview*

- \$787 Billion nationwide
  - 640,329 jobs saved nationwide as of Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>
    - 12, 283 jobs saved in Arizona
    - Ranked 17<sup>th</sup> in the number of saved jobs by state
  - On approved applications, only 12% of funds are left in FY11
  - 19 states have 0% left for FY11; Arizona is one of them
  - Secretary Duncan currently on “listening tour” regarding the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization
    - Stimulus efforts, especially Race to the Top, will help shape ESEA reauthorization



# American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 -- Arizona

- For Arizona, \$1.12 billion for the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund -- application approved June 10<sup>th</sup>
  - \$832 million provided for education
    - Have received 2/3 or \$557 million in Phase I
    - Phase II -- Applications due January 11<sup>th</sup>
      - \$275 million earmarked for Arizona
      - Must report on the indicators and descriptors of each of the four assurances
- Maintenance of Effort: State Funding cannot drop below FY 06 funding levels *as long as federal funds exist*
- Four assurances required
  - Great Teachers Great Leaders
  - Data Collection and Use
  - Standards and Assessments
  - Support Struggling Schools



# *American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 -- Arizona*

- Title I grants -- \$194.9 million for Arizona
  - \$97.5 million awarded (~50% of allocation)
- Special Education/IDEA -- \$194.2 million for Arizona
  - ~50% has been awarded
  - Title I and IDEA funds must be obligated by September 30, 2010
  - Five-Year Spending Clock -- All federal funds must be spent by September 30, 2015
- Energy Grants -- \$20 million
  - Energy Efficiency -- \$12.9 million
  - Solar -- \$5.5 million
  - Administration -- \$1.6 million



# Other Federal Stimulus Funds

- \$650 million -- Investing in Innovation Fund (i3 Funds)
  - Non-profits and LEAs eligible to apply; competitive grants
  - All applications due in early spring 2010
  - Key elements to be considered are:
    - Success in closing achievement gaps
    - Significantly increase student academic achievement
    - Significant improvement in graduation rates, high-quality teachers, and school leaders
    - Demonstrate private sector partnerships for sustainability and scalability
  - All funds must be obligated by September 30, 2010
- \$245 million -- Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems
  - Between \$2-20 million per grantee over three-year period
  - SEAs must apply; ADE is applying for \$15 million
  - Application Deadline -- December 4, 2009; earliest available funds May 2010



# Other Federal Stimulus Funds

- \$3.5 billion -- Struggling Schools Improvement Grants
  - Applications due February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010
  - Requires each state to identify the bottom 5% of its Title I schools in school improvement status
  - Must use one of four intervention strategies:
    - Transformations
    - Turnarounds
    - Re-starts
    - Closures
  - Secretary Duncan will grant waivers for low-performing secondary schools that are eligible for Title I funds but do not receive them.



# "Race to the Top"

- \$5 billion nationwide
  - \$4 billion -- State Competitive
    - Governor must apply; application must be signed by the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and State Board of Education President
    - Three types of priorities: Absolute, Competitive Preference, and Invitational
    - 50% required to flow to LEAs
    - Phase I -- January 19<sup>th</sup> application deadline; Winners announced March 2010
    - Phase II -- June 2010 application deadline; Winners announced September 2010