

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

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Historic, One Time Investment

- Over \$100 billion educational investment
- Historic opportunity to stimulate economy, build capacity and improve education
- Success depends on leadership, judgment, coordination and communication



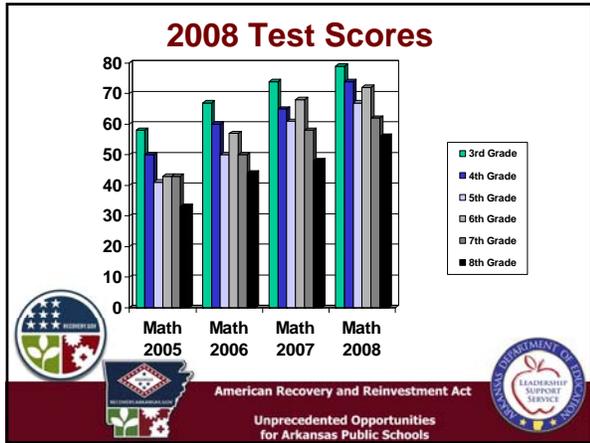
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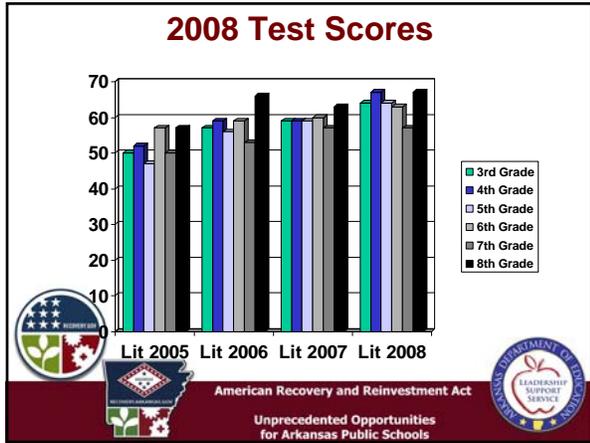
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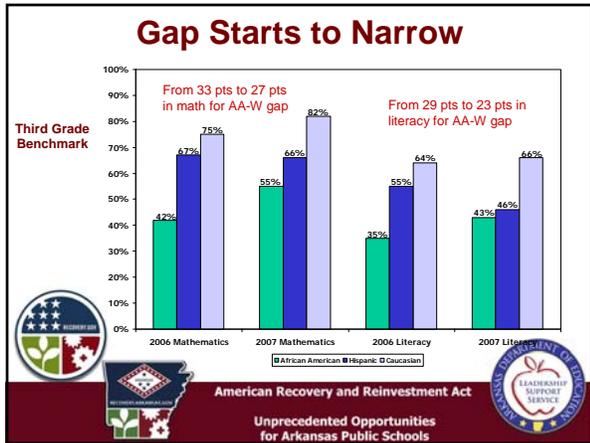
From 2004 to 2006, nearly \$700 million was added to the state's education budget – and look what happened!



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NAEP Grade 4 Math

Scale Score Gains, Overall, 2000-2007

Top States	
Arkansas	22
Massachusetts	19
HI, MD, NY	18
National Average	15
Range	22 to 9

Rankings are for the 40 states with Overall data in both 2000 and 2007.
Source: National Center for Education Statistics, NAEP Data Explorer, <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>



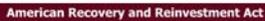



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Arkansas Knows the Formula for Success

Arkansas' Past Success
+ Stimulus Monies
+ Thoughtful Planning/Wise Investment
Greater Student Achievement






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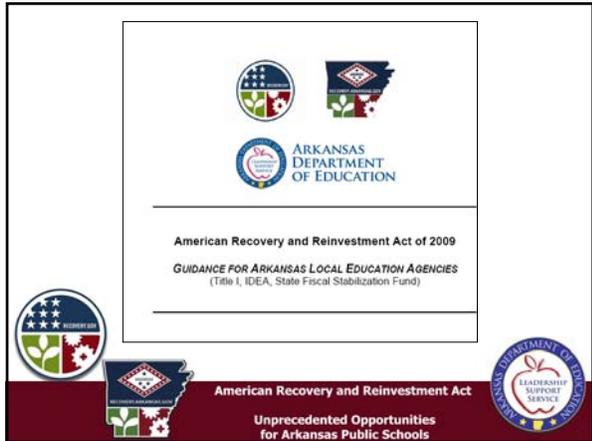





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**Balance speed and stimulus
with CAREFUL planning and
EFFECTIVE reforms.**





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Title I, A (50%)
\$111.1 million

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Timeline

Date	Action
<p>By the End of March 2009</p> <p>ADE has only received approval to draw down Title 1 and IDEA Recovery Funds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Applications</u> for the initial 67% of the \$443,830,097* SFSF will be available. (SFSF funds will be released by the U. S. Department of Education within two weeks after complete applications are received.) • 50% of the \$111,143,080* Title I, Part A recovery funds will be available. • 50% of the \$112,177,929* IDEA, Part B Grants to States and 50% of the \$5,565,646* IDEA Part B Preschool Grants will be available • Education for Homeless Youth (\$721,000)*





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<p>July 1, 2009 – October 1, 2009</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The remaining 33% of the SFSF will be available. • The remaining 50% of the IDEA, Part B and Preschool Grant funds will be available. • The remaining 50% of Title 1, Part A recovery funds will be available. • School lunch equipment grants will be available (\$1,240,000*)
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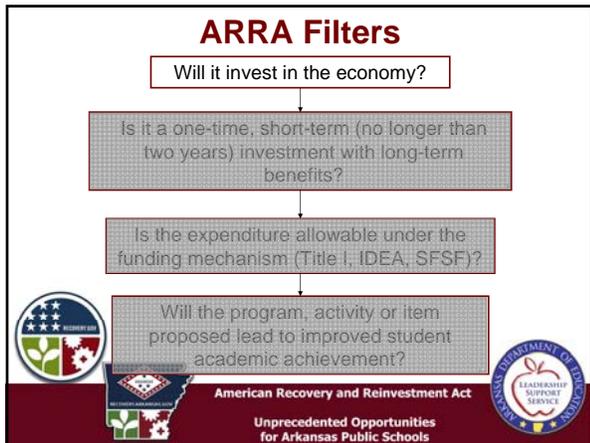
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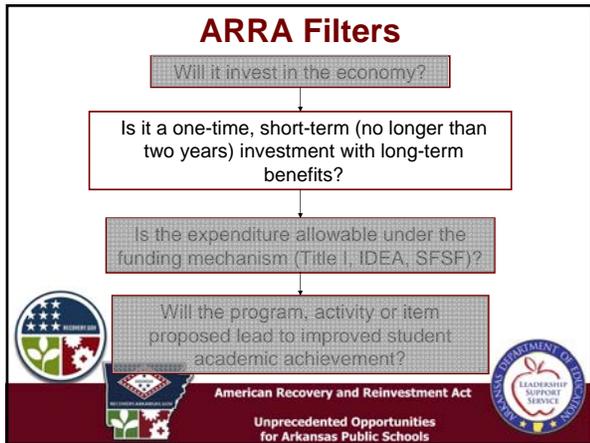
1. Spending funds quickly to save and create jobs.
2. Improving student achievement through school improvement and reform.
3. Ensuring transparency, reporting and accountability.
4. Investing one-time ARRA funds thoughtfully to minimize the “funding cliff.”

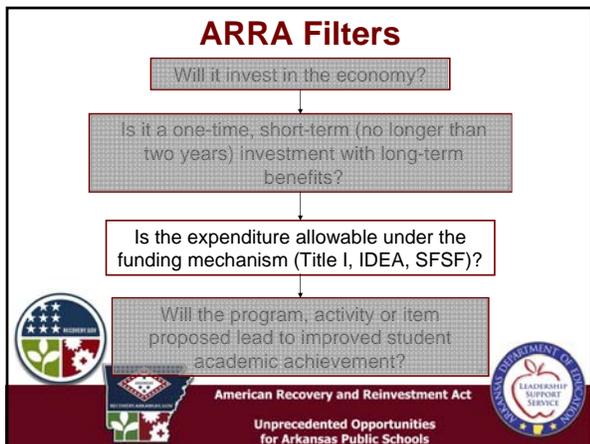


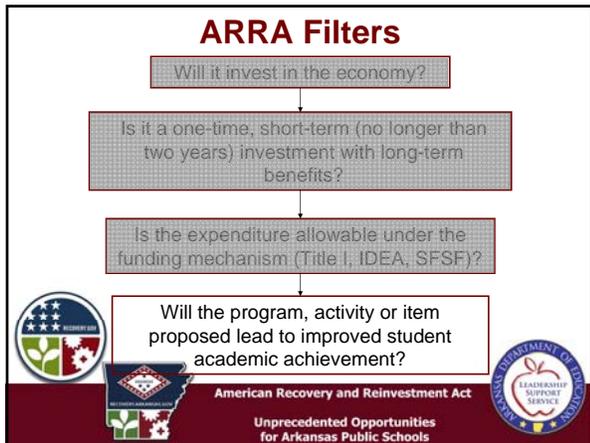


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Rubric

Building Capacity to Enhance Student Achievement				
Goals – Funding Sources	College- and Career-Ready Preparation (including programs for ELL and SPED students)	Data-Driven Programs or Processes to track progress and foster continuous improvement	Teacher Effectiveness and Equitable Distribution of Highly Qualified Teachers	Intensive Support and Effective Interventions
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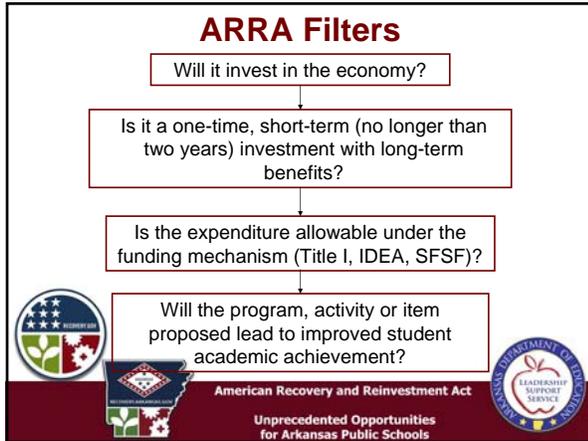
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ARRA Filters

Will it invest in the economy?

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Is it a one-time, short-term (no longer than two years) investment with long-term benefits?

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Is the expenditure allowable under the funding mechanism (Title I, IDEA, SFSF)?

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Will the program, activity or item proposed lead to improved student academic achievement?





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New Construction, Modernization, Renovation and Repair (SFSF)

Above all, think “high performing schools, high performing students.”





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Facilities Guidance

- Is it educationally appropriate?
- Is it neighborhood friendly?
- Is it environmentally sound?
- What is its long-term impact?





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Facilities Guidance

Appendix B of the ADE Guidance lists allowable and unallowable expenses for facilities.

LEAs should use facility enhancements to support academic initiatives under Stabilization Funds!



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Examples of facilities investments that support academics include:

Modernize Academic Spaces

- Retrofit Laboratories
- Divide Spaces for Group Teaching
- Renovate Space to Meet Academic Delivery Methods

Modernize Academic Attached Equipment

- Smart Boards
- Infrastructure Wiring for Building Video Systems
- Digital Distribution Systems
- Distance Learning Systems and Labs
- Infrastructure Wiring



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Prohibited Use of Facility Funds

- Purchase or upgrade of vehicles
- Improvement of stand-alone facilities whose purpose is not the education of children
- Stadiums or other facilities primarily used for athletic contests
- Maintenance and maintenance-related projects
- New construction, modernization, renovation or repair that is inconsistent with state law



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Prohibited Use of Funds

- An LEA may NOT use SFSF to provide financial assistance to students to attend private schools.
- The ADE strongly discourages LEAs from using funds to hire faculty or staff that would constitute a long-term investment.
- The ADE strongly discourages LEAs from putting ANY funds in its salary schedule or benefit plans.



Statement of Assurance

Each superintendent and director must sign a Statement of Assurance that shows his or her commitment to use the funds in fiscally prudent ways that meet the goals of the federal guidance.



Fiscal Accounting Principles

- Reporting
- Cash Management
- Transparency and Auditing



Cash Management

- ADE and Governor's Recovery Office review plans
- Five percent of allocation to LEAs
- ADE will reimburse actual expenditures on a bi-weekly basis.



Transparency and Auditing

- LEAs should establish ARRA tracking on their LEA Web site.
- Expenditures must be coded properly into APSCN.
- Compliance audit required.



Questions and Answers