



Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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TO: School Administrators

FROM: Gerri Ogle, Associate Commissioner

SUBJECT: URGENT: ARRA Jobs Report

As stated on the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Application, one of the objectives of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is to provide funds to create and retain jobs. Missouri is preparing to submit the first required quarterly report of all ARRA funds to the federal government. Included in the accountability component of receiving these dollars is the reporting by the district to DESE of jobs created and retained with the stabilization dollars. Guidance provided by the U. S. Department of Education on this topic is available at <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/section-1512.html>

A document has been posted on the School Finance website <http://dese.mo.gov/divadm/finance> listing the portion of each district's FY10 Basic Formula that will be paid with the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund money. The amount is approximately 15.6% of each district's FY09 Basic Formula total as calculated in June 2009. Please locate your district or charter school on that document.

To evaluate whether your district created or retained jobs as a result of that money, consider the number of jobs that would have been eliminated had your formula money for FY10 been reduced by that amount. Since most of the Basic Formula money is used for staff, it is logical that without the ARRA money in the Formula there would have been a reduction in staff.

A form titled "BASIC FORMULA – FEDERAL BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND – ARRA Report of Jobs Created/Jobs Retained FTE" has been developed for you to complete and is available at <http://dese.mo.gov/divadm/finance>. It is imperative that this form be completed and submitted to School Administrative Services by 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 23 via fax or email.

Questions may be addressed to 573-751-0357 or webreplyadmsf@dese.mo.gov.

We appreciate your help in complying with federal guidelines.