



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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Dear State Title I Directors:

I am writing to personally invite you to participate in an upcoming webinar being sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education that is especially relevant to your work as the director of your State's Title I programs. It will be held on Tuesday, June 15 from 2:00 – 3:30 EST. The presentation is entitled, **“Strategic Use of Title I & IDEA: How to Maximize ARRA, FY09 & FY10 Funds.”** I strongly encourage you to register and to invite Title I officials from your local educational agencies (LEAs) to do so as well.

As you plan for the 2010-2011 school year, the Department appreciates that State educational agencies and LEAs are preparing to use carried over FY 2008 (available for obligation until September 30, 2010), FY 2009 (regular and Recovery Act) and FY 2010 funds (first available this July) to best meet the needs of students whom Title I will serve in school year 2010-2011. The purpose of the June 15 webinar is to discuss FY 2010 appropriations and the carry over funds in this context. With regard to carry over funds, we will focus in large part on the ten billion in Title I Recovery Act dollars that were awarded in 2009 and are available until September 30, 2011. We would also like to remind you to draw down, when possible, FY 2008 funds first, followed by FY 2009 funds (regular and ARRA), before using the FY 2010 funds that will become available shortly (first in, first out principle).

It is more critical than ever that all Federal education funding be maximized to meet the most pressing needs in our schools across the nation. To assist with this need, providing technical assistance is one of the highest priorities in the Department's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. It builds upon Secretary Duncan's strong commitment to provide actionable fiscal data and staff expertise to grant recipients.

I look forward to your participation in the June 15 webinar. To register, please follow the instructions in the enclosure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thelma Meléndez".

Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana, Ph.D.

Enclosure

Registration Instructions for the June 15 Webinar

Registration: Registration is required to participate in this webinar. Please register on ed.gov at: <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/rms-web-conferences.html>. Scroll-down down to the “RMS Webinar Schedule & Registration” table, and click on the title of the webinar to register. After you have registered, you will receive an automatic confirmation email notice from “Event Notification [do_not_reply@on24event.com]” containing the link to log-in for the webinar.

Audio/Sound: Audio for this webinar will be available by webcast over the Internet; therefore, please ensure your computer speakers are attached, turned on, and the volume is turned up for the webinar. Closed captioning will also be provided.

Questions: Questions can be submitted on-line by text at any time during the webinar.

Important: System Setup & Compatibility Check:

Click on the following link to test the computer you will be using for the webinar and make sure you have the minimum technical requirements to attend this event. Please allow sufficient time prior to the event for this test: <http://webcast.on24.com/view/help/ehelp.html>.