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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT: Presentation/Discussion on American Reinvestment and Recovery Act

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 provides unprecedented financial resources to save and create jobs, support states, and reform education. ARRA is driving opportunity for dramatic innovation and reform in public education by directing districts to use these one-time funds on initiatives that do not require sustained funding but have a significant long-term impact that will change outcomes and improve student achievement. ARRA's challenge to advance essential education reform is built on four pillars: (1) making improvements in teacher effectiveness and in the equitable distribution of qualified teachers for all students, particularly students who are most in need; (2) making progress toward rigorous college- and career-ready standards and high quality assessments that are valid and reliable for all students, including English language learners and students with disabilities; (3) providing intensive support and effective interventions for the lowest performing schools; and (4) establishing pre-K to college and career data systems that track progress and foster continuous improvement.

Today's presentation will build on work completed by the Board at its March 17, 2009 meeting where criteria for several key ARRA programs were approved: Enhancing Education Through Technology, Title II, Part D, Competitive Programs; National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant; and Targeted LEA Stabilization Grant. At the March meeting, the Board approved a motion related to the Stabilization Grant (State Fiscal Stabilization Fund) that would provide for subsequent discussion "with the Governor's Team regarding emerging details of how these resources are proposed to be applied for maximum impact." This presentation to the Board will provide additional information on the two major sections of ARRA: targeted dollars to districts via existing federal education programs and the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund.

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