

The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act

With the approval of the federal stimulus bill, The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, Leon County Schools is slated to receive \$5,634,988 each year for two (2) years to save and create jobs and to increase student performance. These funds are being distributed to school districts through Elementary and Secondary Education Act entitlement grants, Title I and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Rules and regulations that normally apply to the allocation and expense of these funds must also apply to ARRA funds. That is, Title I dollars can be spent only at designated Title I schools and IDEA dollars can only be spent on ESE students.

Upon notification of pending receipt of the stimulus funds, Superintendent Jackie Pons appointed a work group to develop projects to meet the goals of the bill. The work group members are:

Marvin Henderson – facilitator	Barbara Wills
Carolyn Spooner	Shannon Lynch
Ward Spisso	Bev Owens
Bruce Harrison	Donna Harper
Ray King	Michelle Gayle
Nancy Gress	Paul Byrd
Vernita Vaughn	Celeda Christie
Theresa Croteau	Scotty Crowe

The work group has proposed six (6) major projects geared at increasing student performance. Jobs saved or created by these projects will only be funded for two years and any person hired to work on one of the ARRA projects will not achieve permanent status with Leon County Schools.

After the projects were proposed and discussed, each of the work group members ranked the projects in priority order, number 1 being the highest. The aggregate rankings of the projects are displayed in priority order. Within two of the projects are sub-projects that either are similar in scope or will be implemented by one department.

As the work group is requesting public input, please read the proposed projects and provide us with your comments. Comments must be received by May 26th. However, public comments will also be accepted at a hearing scheduled for June 2nd at 4:30 pm in the board room of the Aquilina Howell Center located at 3831 W. Pensacola St.

Priority I. Closing the Achievement Gap

(Fund Source: Title I, IDEA, Maintenance of Effort, Supplemental Academic Instruction (SAI))

K-2 Early Intervention

- Summer Reading Academy
- Early Intervention & Technology Integration
- Extended School Year
- After School Intervention (Extended Day)
- ESE Summer School

Priority II. Closing the Achievement Gap

(Fund Source: Title I, IDEA, Maintenance of Effort, SAI)

Overage Center & Credit Retrieval

Priority III. Acceleration of All Students/Closing the Achievement Gap

(Fund Source: Maintenance of Effort , IDEA and Title I)

Curriculum Mapping, Curriculum Pacing Guides, Progress Monitoring & Rti
Supplemental Education Services (SES) Provider

Priority IV. Health Services

(Fund Source: Maintenance of Effort, IDEA and Title I)

Health Care and Drop Out Prevention

- School Health Assistants
- Whole Child (Kid Care) Outreach

Priority V. Parental/Family Involvement and ESE Alternative Discipline

(Fund Source: IDEA, Title I)

Priority VI. Bonuses for High Performing Teachers

(Fund Source: Identified Stimulus Dollars)