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State & National
Updates



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American Recovery &
Reinvestment Act

- Stimulus Funding
- Presentation on guiding principles and funding availability located at: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/presentation>



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American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

- To receive latest updates on the education funding available through the ARRA, visit: <http://www.ed.gov/recovery>
- Or sign up for an RSS feed at <http://www.ed.gov/rss/edgov.xml>

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American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

- Directs more than \$100 billion to education
- Largest one-time federal infusion of funds for education ever

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American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

- Overall goals:
 - Create and save jobs
 - Advance education reforms
 - Produce lasting results without creating unsustainable recurring costs

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American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

- Provides dedicated funding stream for classroom technology and professional development through Title IID
- Also includes opportunities to invest in classroom technology and prof dev via other funds



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American Recovery & Reinvestment Act


- Other funds include State Stabilization Fund, Title I and IDEA



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State Stabilization Fund

- Disbursed by DOE within two weeks of receiving a state's approvable application
- Application will be up on DOE's web site by April




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Title I and IDEA


- 50% of Title I Part A and 50% of IDEA Part B funds will be released to states by end of March.
- States do not have to complete a new application to receive funds



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Title IID


- All Title IID (Enhancing Education Through Technology) funds slated to be dispersed in fall of 2009



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State Incentive Grants

- "Race to the Top" fund
- States submit application to Secretary of Education
- More guidance from DOE forthcoming
- Will help states drive imprvmt in student achievement



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Innovation Fund


- Local partnerships submit applications to Sec of Ed
- More guidance forthcoming
- Will reward partnerships making significant gains in closing achievement gaps to serve as models for best practices



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ISTE/CoSN Ed Tech Policy Summit


- April 30 - May 1, 2009
- In Washington D. C.
- Hear from key policy makers
- About latest educational tech policy issues including stimulus package



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ISTE/CoSN Ed Tech Policy Summit

- Day 1 - Interactive discussions on funding, E-Rate, NCLB Reauthorization, & broadband deployment
- Day 2 - Meet with congressional staff from your state



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Regular NCLB Title IID


- On schedule and will be released as usual
- eGrant process will be up and open on April 15 for the allotment "or entitlement" funds



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Regular Formula Title IID


- Amounts of monies will be similar to 2008-2009
- Access this year's entitlements at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/opge/formfund/NCLB/Maximums.html>



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Regular Formula Title IID

- If participating in the ESC Region 12 Title II, Part D Co-op, select that option in eGrants



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Regular Competitive Title IID


- For 2009-2010
- Already out in Vision 2020 Grant



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Stimulus Title IID

- Will be "grayed out" on the April 15 application
- TEA doesn't have the funds yet
- TEA can't open this up until they receive the NOGA from USDE



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Stimulus Title IID

- Application will be updated sometime this summer or fall.
- Districts will be able to go back into the eGrant application and select it at that time




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Stimulus Title IID


- Amounts will be approximately 2.38% times the Regular Title IID amounts
- Texas will get about 53.4 million
- It will be governed by the same rules as regular Title IID



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Stimulus Title IID


- But with more accountability, transparency, reporting, separate accounting, private non-profit participation, etc.
- TEA Ed Tech hasn't disclosed how the Competitive side will be provided



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Stimulus Title IID

- To quote TEA Federal Programs Department, "things are still changing daily."




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Federal Resources for Educational Excellence

- FREE
- New learning resources added (CIA, nutrition, PE, Vincent Van Gogh)
- T & L resources from fed gov't
- Available at <http://www.free.ed.gov>



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Microsoft Offers Free Tools for HS Students

- Such as Visual Studio and XNA Game Studio
- Through DreamSpark
- To provide students with tools needed to succeed in future careers



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Microsoft Offers Free Tools for HS Students

- School representative must sign his/her school up online
- Once approved, school rep will receive pass codes



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Regional Updates

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Videoconferencing

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VC Web sites

- TxDLA Conference
<http://www.txdla.org/conference/2009/index.aspx>
- VC Trainings
<https://register.esc12.net/catalog.aspx?searchstring=Distance%20Learning>

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VC Web sites

- TxHM
<http://texashistorymystery.pbwiki.com/>
- TxTW
<http://texastwistedweather.wikispaces.com/>

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VC Staff

- Roxanne Glaser, rglaser@esc12.net
- Project management, training, teacher issues
- Shane Howard, sphoward@esc12.net
- Projects, content delivery, equipment
- James Watson, jwatson@esc12.net
- TETN Scheduling and ESC 12 sessions

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Technology Planning


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Technology Planning

- Teacher STaRcharts must be submitted by the teachers
- Campus STaR Charts must be submitted by the campus Principal. Remind principals to click the submit button.
- ePlan must be approved or updated each year. Write "new plan" or "updated" in the box provided before submitting your ePlan.



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Technical Tip



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SpiceWorks

- Free IT Management Software - www.spiceworks.com
- Software inventory, network inventory, PC inventory.
- Network monitoring, Exchange monitoring, license monitoring and more.



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SpiceWorks

- Asset reporting, inventory reporting... share a report.
- Helpdesk & IT Portal. Let 'em submit a ticket! Now you can track every IT task and project.



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Training



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Vision 2020 Grant

- Two strands
 - Immersion
 - Virtual Learning
- Due April 30, 2009



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