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Reporting of Fraud, Waste and/or Abuse under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)* provided approximately \$173 million for education in North Dakota. All ARRA funds must be spent with an unprecedented level of transparency and accountability. This document provides guidance relating to the reporting of fraud, waste and/or abuse of ARRA grants administered through the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI). A listing of the NDDPI's ARRA programs, as well as guidance, is available on the NDDPI website at:

<http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/stimulus/stimulus.shtm>.

Any instances of potential fraud, waste and/or abuse should be promptly reported. **If you have knowledge or allegations of fraud, waste, abuse or mismanagement you can:**

- File a complaint on North Dakota Department of Public Instruction's ARRA Information webpage at: <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/stimulus/stimulus.shtm>.
- File a complaint directly on the Recovery.gov website at: <http://www.recovery.gov/Contact/ReportFraud/Pages/FWA.aspx>.

When submitting a complaint, it is important to include as many details as possible about the alleged fraud, waste, abuse or mismanagement. Examples of facts and circumstances to include are:

- A description of the misconduct
- How you know about the allegation
- How and when the misconduct was discovered
- The amount of money involved
- How long the alleged misconduct occurred
- Attempts by the alleged violator(s) to hide the misconduct
- Any other information you believe may be relevant

Significant new whistleblower protections are provided under section 1553 of the ARRA. The ARRA provides protections for certain employees of non-federal employers who make specified disclosures relating to possible fraud, waste and/or abuse of Recovery Act funds. More information on who is protected and what types of disclosures are protected is available on the recovery website at:

<http://www.recovery.gov/Contact/ReportFraud/Documents/WhistleblowerPoster.pdf>.

If you have any questions about reporting fraud, waste, abuse or mismanagement; contact Kathy Smith at 701-328-2615 or kasmith@nd.gov.

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