American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Kansas Unified School District

APPLICATION/STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE

I, do hereby certify by my signature on behalf of the Unified School District listed below that our school district shall comply with the following requirements for funds received under the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) program:

1. Implement strategies to help Kansas achieve the following goals of the ARRA:
   - Increase teacher effectiveness and address inequities in the distribution of highly qualified teachers;
   - Establish and use a local pre-K-through-college-and-career data system to track progress and foster continuous improvement;
   - As appropriate, use assessments and curriculum aligned to the state's rigorous college- and career-ready standards and high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable for all students, including limited English proficient students and students with disabilities; and
   - Provide targeted, intensive support and effective interventions to turn around schools identified for corrective action and restructuring.

2. Submit reports and updates as required to the Kansas Department of Education in regard to the use of the ARRA funds.

3. Ensure all construction projects receive a full review and vetting to meet federal laws and regulations and state law.

4. Ensure expenditures are coded correctly and recovery funds are tracked separately from regular local, state or other federal funds.

5. Cooperate fully with any Comptroller General, Inspector General, State Auditor and/or Monitor in the evaluation of the uses of the ARRA.

6. Comply with all applicable assurances in OMB Standard Forms 424B and D (Assurances for Non-Construction and Construction Programs), including the assurances relating to the legal authority to apply for assistance; access to records; conflict of interest; merit systems; nondiscrimination; Hatch Act provisions; labor standards; flood hazards; historic preservation; protection of human subjects; animal welfare; lead-based paint; Single Audit Act; and the general agreement to comply with all applicable Federal laws, executive orders and regulations.

7. Ensure that ARRA funds received are <u>not</u> used to pay any person to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making or renewal of Federal grants under this program.

8. Comply with all of the operational and administrative provisions in Title XV and XIV of the Recovery Act, including Buy American Requirements (ARRA Division A, Section 1605), Wage Rate Requirements (ARRA Division A, Section 1606), and any applicable environmental impact requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970 (NEPA), as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.) (ARRA Division A, Section 1609).

9. As applicable, provide descriptions required by section 427 of General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) (20 U.S.C. 1228a) relating to information on the steps the LEA proposes to take to permit students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries to overcome barriers (including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability, and age) that impede access to, or participation in, the program.

10. Comply with applicable United States Department of Education General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR Part 76 – State-Administered Programs, including the construction requirements in section 75.600 through 75.617 that are incorporated by reference in section 76.600; 34 CFR Part 77 -- Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations; 34 CFR Part 80 -- Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, including the procurement provisions; 34 CFR Part 82 -- New Restrictions on Lobbying; and 34 CFR Part 85 – Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement).
11. Comply with any and all other state or federal laws and /or regulations and guidance from the United States Department of Education and Kansas Department of Education, both in our possession now or subsequently received by us concerning the regulation and requirements for our USD's receipt of funds under the ARRA program.
12. The USD will provide reasonable opportunities for the participation by teachers, parents, and other interested agencies, organizations, and individuals in the planning for and operation of each program. Any application, evaluation, periodic program plan or report relating to each program will be made readily available to parents and other members of the general public.
13. The control of funds provided to the USD under each program, and title to property acquired with those funds, will be in a public agency and that a public agency will administer those funds and property.

USD Superintendent Certification:
I hereby certify that the unified school district named below will adhere to all laws and regulations regarding the expenditure of funds associated with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

USD Superintendent (**Print**)	Unified School District No. and Name
USD Superintendent (**Signature**)	Date
USD Board President **(Signature)**	District Office (Area Code) Phone No.

Choose one method below to submit a signed Statement of Assurance to KSDE:

a) Fax to the School Finance team at (785) 296-0459;
b) or scan and email to sroot@ksde.org;
c) or mail to the Kansas State Department of Education,
Attn: School Finance – Dale Dennis, 120 SE 10th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66612-1182.

Submit by June 20, 2009