



## Middletown Public Schools State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Program 2011

### *About the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Program*

**The State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) program** is a one-time appropriation of funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The U. S. Department of Education has awarded states by formula under the SFSF program in **exchange for a commitment to advance essential education reforms to benefit students**. In addition to helping to stabilize budgets and minimizing reductions in education, the program is helping to support the modernization, renovation, and repair of school facilities.

#### *What is the overall goal of the ARRA SFSF Program?*

The overall goals of the ARRA are to stimulate the economy in the short term and invest in education and other essential public services to ensure the long-term economic health of our nation.

Districts need to invest one-time ARRA funds thoughtfully to minimize the "funding cliff." ARRA represents a historic infusion of funds that are temporary. These funds are not available after September 2011. These funds must be invested in ways that do not result in unsustainable continuing commitments after the funding expires.

#### *How is Middletown Public Schools using the ARRA SFSF Program funds?*

Middletown Public Schools is using the stabilization funds to pay for modernization of our schools by upgrading the facilities to support additional online assessments that will be administered in computer labs. Existing computer labs will be enhanced and new computer labs will be added to support the **PARCC** (Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College & Careers) that will be administered using computer labs to grades 5-12 throughout the school year. Classrooms will also be modernized through the addition of mounted LCD TVs that will be connected to classroom computer for presentations and lessons.

#### *Preliminary MPS ARRA SFSF Project List*

- Addition of 25 computers to keyboard (music) lab (MHS)
- Addition of computers to computer labs 235 and 233 (MHS)
- Addition of computers to technology education wing (MHS)
- Addition of computers to 208 (Gaudet)
- Addition of computer to technology education room (Gaudet)
- Addition of a presentation TV to each classroom in the district. This TV will be hung up on the wall and connected to a PC in the classroom. (District Wide)

#### *LCD Presentation TV Project Details*

Each classroom will be outfitted with a mounted LCD TV that will be attached to the teacher computer station. This will allow the teacher to present anything that they can show on a computer monitor to this TV. These TVs can be used in place of a projector cart. The projector carts will still be available for use. A wireless tablet interface will also be available so that the teacher can control the PC remotely.



#### *LCD Presentation Project, Sustainability & Benefits*

- Projectors require an on-going bulb cost, LCDs do not
- Projectors require on-going filter cleaning, LCDs do not
- Minimal impact on current IT maintenance
- Can be mounted by MPS facilities staff
- Positive impact for every teacher & student in the district
- Supports integration of technology & PBGR system requirements

#### *MPS Technology Stats*

*(as of June 2011)*

- Equipment on the MPSRI network: 1,240 devices
- Average number of work orders per year: 2,900



#### *District Wide Presentation Project: Count of LCD TVs by building*

- MHS—45
- Gaudet — 52
- Aquidneck—25
- Forest—25
- Oliphant—3