

\$IDEA Money Watch

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IDEA Money Watch is providing information, resources and updates on how local school districts across the nation are utilizing the \$11.3 billion provided for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

According to the U.S. Department of Education, these funds “will provide an unprecedented opportunity for states, LEAs, and EIS programs to implement innovative strategies to improve outcomes for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities while stimulating the economy.

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- ❖ **Balance Sheet**—*a hard look at key issues;*
- ❖ **Recovery Act FAQs**—*the basics to get started;*
- ❖ **State IDEA FACTS**—*data lookup for every state;*
- ❖ **State BLOGS** —*news, facts and resources for every state;*
- ❖ **Tips and Tools**—*what to watch for and ways to evaluate use of funds;*
- ❖ **Resources**—*extra info for ARRA watchers;*
- ❖ **Money Watch News**—*newsletter delivered to your inbox.*

IDEA Money Watch is built on a community of dedicated parents and advocates working together to protect the rights and interests of the nation’s 6 million school-age children with disabilities. Devoted to ensuring that IDEA ARRA funds are spent effectively, we hope to accentuate the administration’s promise for accountability and transparency of the ARRA. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter, too!

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Justice Louis Brandeis

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