



OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

expect **Success**

ARRA Improvement Initiatives: *Race to the Top & School Improvement Grants*

January 2010

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American Recovery and Re-Investment Act (ARRA)

\$4.35 Billion for *Race to the Top* (RttT)

- **New Initiative**

\$3 Billion for *School Improvement Grants* (SIG)

- **Expansion of previous program:**
 - FY 2007 \$125 million**
 - FY 2008 \$491 million**



Race to the Top (RttT)

Grantees

- **Competitive grant to State, which then makes sub-grants to LEAs who have submitted MOUs and preliminary scopes of work**

Duration

- **One-time funding, dispersed over 4 years**

Funding Range

- **Cannot be determined yet**

Purpose

- **Encourage States/LEAs to “trail-blaze” effective reforms that can provide examples for other States/LEAs to follow**
- **Spur reforms in 4 areas: Standards & Assessments; Data Systems to Support Instruction; Effective Teachers & Principals; Turning around the Lowest-Achieving Schools**



Race to the Top (RttT)

Timeline

- **District MOU due to State by January 8, 2010**
- **State RttT application due to USDOE by January 19, 2010**
- **Winners announced April 2010 (*Feedback to non-winners*)**
- **If CA wins, final LEA Scope of Work and budget due to CDE in 90 days—July 2010.**

- ***Phase 2 State RttT applications due June 1, 2010***
- ***Phase 2 Winners announced September 2010***



School Improvement Grants (SIG)

Grantees

- **To State, which then make sub-grants to identified lowest-achieving Title I schools within each state.**

Duration

- **Renewable up to 3 years based on meeting annual student achievement goals in Math and Reading/Language Arts**

Funding Range

- **\$50,000 to \$500,000 per school per year**

Purpose

- **Provides States/LEAs to turn around Title I schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring.**



School Improvement Grants (SIG)

Timeline

- **State SIG application due to USDOE by February 8, 2010**
- **District application expected to be due March/April 2010**



Improvement Models within RttT and SIG

Turnaround Model

- ~Replace principal and at least 50% of the staff.
- ~Adopt new governance.
- ~Implement a new or revised instructional program.

Restart Model

- ~Close the school.
- ~Restart it as a charter school, or under a charter management organization (CMO), or an educational management organization (EMO).

Close/Consolidate Model

- ~Close the school
- ~Enroll the students who attended the school in other, higher-performing schools in the District.

Transformation Model

- ~Replace the principal who led prior to start of transformation.
- ~Develop teacher and leader effectiveness.
 - ~Comprehensive instructional programs using student achievement data.
- ~Extend learning time; create community-oriented schools.
- ~Provide operating flexibility and intensive support.

