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## **Governor Richardson Highlights \$77 Million in Recovery Act Funds for New Mexico Schools**

SANTA FE— Governor Bill Richardson today announced that the second portion of federal stimulus funds through the Title I program are now available and will be distributed to school districts and charter schools throughout New Mexico.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides more than \$77 million in Title I Part A and Part D funds. The purpose of the Title I program is to provide help to schools that have a high concentration of students from families that live in poverty, and to improve teaching and learning for students at risk of failing.

The first portion of Title I funds -- about \$38.7 million -- were approved earlier this year. Now the remainder of Part A and D funds are set to flow to local school districts. The total, including what was approved earlier this year, is \$77,167,243. These funds are provided to school districts by federal formula. Examples of uses for Title I funding include after-school programs, hiring staff such as literacy specialists, and extra training for teachers and principals.

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