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To: Board of Education Members  
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This past month we were busy spending the last of the ARRA money from the Federal Stimulus package. Unlike the first round, which allowed us to allocate 50% of the funds for general education purposes, this last bit of money had to be spend on special education only (a good problem for a Special Education Director to have).

My focus was to spend the money on hardware, curriculum and materials that would provide our students and staff with a long-term benefit. We were able to purchase special ed curriculum, desktop and laptop computers, 3 Smart tables for Early Childhood, 3 more Sound Field amplification devices, and 25 I-Pads. The Apple representative came out and gave us an overview of some of the fabulous Applications (apps) that are now available for the I-PAD. I am working closely with the Tech department on developing professional development and training opportunities for the teachers on the ever growing and changing uses of this new technology.

In an upcoming board meeting, I would like to present a short overview of the ways in which special education students have benefitted from the purchase of these supplies and materials.