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### **NASDSE STATEMENT ON THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA) AND MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT**

The Board of Directors of the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) stands by its responsibility to adhere to implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in support of improving outcomes for students with disabilities. In addition, the Board takes most seriously its responsibility to faithfully represent the views of the NASDSE membership.

With respect to implementation of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA), the NASDSE Board of Directors believes that the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs' (OSEP) guidance is grounded in the law, including the states' authority to make determinations of local education agencies compliance and/or performance indicators. NASDSE therefore urges the Department not to revise its guidance on this issue.

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