



Christie Administration announces the availability of an additional \$8.2 million in Ed Jobs funding for school-level salary and benefits

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Trenton, NJ – The Christie Administration announced today an additional \$8.2 million in federal funds for school districts across the state to support children’s education. This additional funding comes from a new federal allocation as well as state-level efficiencies in administering the Ed Jobs funding announced in September 2010.

“In these economic times, we are doing everything we can to make sure schools have the resources they need to be successful,” said Acting Commissioner Chris Cerf. “Through smart planning and efficient administration, we are excited to be able to free up additional funds to send directly to districts to pay for human capital costs.”

In September 2010, the federal government made \$262 million available to New Jersey in Ed Jobs funding. Districts have until September 2012 to use these funds only for compensation and benefits and other expenses, such as support services, necessary to retain existing employees, to recall or rehire former employees, and to hire new employees, in order to provide early childhood, elementary, or secondary educational and related services.

The Department of Education held back 2%, or roughly \$5.2 million, to administer the program, which included staff resources and the development of a software system to track the data. Last month, the federal government made nearly \$4 million in additional funds to New Jersey. In addition, through efficient planning and prudent management, the Department was able to make nearly \$4.3 million in additional funds available directly to school districts for education out of the \$5.2 million in federal funds that had been provided for administrative expenses

A district breakdown of this additional funding is available at the link below.

<http://www.nj.gov/education/finance/jobs/guidance/AllocationsRevised.pdf>