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## News & Notes

### Stimulus Helps Schools



(NAPS)—Americans know the value of education and say funding the nation's schools is a smart way to help children and the economy.

In fact, 56 percent of people in the U.S. say education aid is one of the "most important items" to have in Washington's stimulus bill, according to a Gallup poll. And now that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has provided nearly \$100 billion for education, schools could get the funding so many say they need.

However, as stimulus money begins to flow, there has been confusion on how, where and on what it can be spent. Fortunately, a new Web site could help. Called HMH Stimulus.com, the site's creator, global education leader Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, says it shows educators how to "make every penny count." In addition to providing basic ARRA funding information, the site connects administrators and teachers with tactical resources for both immediate and long-term options. Via the site, visitors can choose to partner with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, to develop customized solutions to meet their specific program goals and ARRA requirements.

Typical programs launched by schools include purchasing new reading, math or science programs, creating comprehensive and results-oriented professional development plans for teachers and more.

The site also offers a wide array of products for pre-K intervention and ELL (English language learners) as well as core programs and assessment tools.

For more information, visit [www.HMHStimulus.com](http://www.HMHStimulus.com).