

# State Foundation Payment Letter Fiscal Year 2024 October Community/STEM School Payment on October 13, 2023

# **General Information on State Foundation Payments**

Foundation payments to community schools are calculated once a month. This letter, generated with each foundation payment, provides details about updated payments to these entities including deductions, adjustments and transfers. The scheduled payment dates for FY 2024 are below:

July 14, 2023	January 12, 2024
August 14, 2023	February 14, 2024
September 14, 2023	March 14, 2024
October 13, 2023	April 12, 2024
November 14, 2023	May 14, 2024
December 14, 2023	June 14, 2024

The recently enacted state budget (Amended Substitute House Bill 33 of the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly) included several changes to the calculation of state foundation funding. The implementation of the budget changes is going to be done in two phases:

- Phase One was implemented with the August payment and included updates to the
  - Phase-in percentage 50%;
  - The facilities increase per-pupil amounts increased to \$1,000 for brick and mortar schools.
- Phase Two has been implemented with the October payment and included updates to the
  - Inputs for salaries, insurance and expenditures based on FY2022 for base cost calculations;
  - Various statewide average per-pupil amounts:
    - Average Base Cost \$8,242.19
    - Average Career-Technical Base Cost \$9,854.98
    - Transportation per-rider \$1,234.66
  - o Equity supplement of \$650 per-pupil amount for brick and mortar community schools;
  - English Learner funding for e-schools.

### **Information Relevant to the October Payment**

- For the first time this fiscal year, **FY 2024** ADM and categorical data for special education, English Learners and economically disadvantaged students are based on compilations as of 9/29/23.
- Community School Equity Supplement payments were calculated and included in the October payment for the first time.
- E-schools now have access to English Learner funds and they were paid out with the October payment.
- For the first time this fiscal year, Regular Transportation funding calculation is based on FY 2023 statewide average per rider amount applied to FY 2023 T-1 mileage and ridership data as of 9/29/23 and distributed based on 100% of the calculated amount.
- FY17 Final #1, FY19 Final #1, FY20 Final #1 deductions that were spread over the course of one or more fiscal years (for some schools) will continue to impact settlement reports.
- School facilities funding is calculated at \$1,000 per FTE for each brick and mortar community school, and \$25 per FTE for each e-school. The overall cap on facilities funding for community





- schools has been increased to \$87,055,000 for FY24. The amount of FTE's in the calculation has exceeded the funding cap for facilities. As a result, the facilities payment was prorated to 98.6179701%.
- The October payment included an update to the funding base amounts for all community schools
  that have opened from FY2021 FY2024. For schools that opened in FY21, this is the first time
  we have updated the funding bases since the Fair School Funding Plan was first implemented.
  Calculation of the funding base amounts is no longer a manual calculation, it is now generated by
  the foundation payment system.

# **Known Issues and Updates in This Payment**

 The equity supplement payment that has been calculated for brick and mortar schools was inadvertently applied to independent STEM schools as well. H.B. 33, Sec. 265.285 does not include STEM schools in this payment. The Equity Supplement will be corrected and removed from STEM schools in the November payment.

#### Statement of Settlement

The Statement of Settlement shows the amount of funding by component paid monthly from SFPR and non-SFPR sources. Typically, the monthly amounts fluctuate based on data updates that occur during each payment period. On the statement of settlement, funds are generally paid out on a percentage basis or the remaining payments of the year basis.

The adjustments below are applied to the FY 2024 October payment. These items are reflected on the statement of settlement with their respective journal voucher codes for proper accounting. This payment includes:

- JV28 FY19 Community School Final #1
- JV29 FY22 Community School Final #1
- JV31 FY20 Community School Final #1
- JV32 FY23 Community School Final #1
- JV39 FY17 Community School Final #1
- JV71 Community School FTE review adjustment
- JV86 Prior Year Insufficient Funds Repayment
- JV93 ODE Office of School Sponsorship deductions

### **Additional Resources**

- A complete list and description of JV codes
- An archive of the monthly payment letters
- Community Schools Funding Components description
- College Credit Plus Deduction Reports
- Foundation Legacy Payment Reports (2002-2021)
- Foundation Payment Reports
- Payment Data Calendar
- Statewide Payment Reports in Excel Format

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