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TO: Superintendents and Treasurers of City, Local, Exempted Village School Districts, and

Educational Service Centers

FROM: Paolo A. DeMaria, Associate Superintendent, Center for School Options and Finance

RE: January 2008 Foundation Payment #1

DATE: January 8, 2008

This payment reflects the factors based on Am. Sub. H.B 119.

SPECIAL NOTE:

This January payment will be the first payment reflecting EMIS withholding penalties. Payment withholdings have been implemented for districts that received an out of compliance letter based upon data submitted to ODE the weekend of 12/14/2007 and that had not resolved their missing data issues by the 12/28/07 EMIS submission date. The withholding will not be reflected on the statement of settlement, thus, if the check or EFT received by your district does not match the amount on the statement of settlement it is likely your district was subject to EMIS withholding. Entities that received an out of compliance letter but resolved their missing data issues by the 12/28/07 EMIS submission will receive their full payment.

For more information regarding the status of your district's October data submission, please contact your EMIS coordinator. Information regarding the reporting requirements and penalties can be found on the ODE web site (please search for "EMIS penalty" and click on the link to "FY08 Data Submission Requirements".) More detailed information has been provided to your EMIS coordinator and will be available in the next Treasurer's newsletter.

A. SF-3

- 1. This payment is based on actual October count data submitted to EMIS on 12/14/07. For purposes of calculating the weighted average count, the February count ADM was assumed to be equal to the October count ADM.
- 2. Community school ADM is based on data reported in the CSADM system as of 11/23/07.
- 3. The data used for CTAE FTE, open enrollment, other adjustments and gifted units in the SF-3 calculations were all based on EMIS data submitted as of 12/14/07.
- 4. The special education transportation calculation has been reduced to 80.508169% to stay within the appropriation amount.
- 5. Preschool units were based on EMIS data submitted as of 12/14/07.

B. Statement of Settlement



- 1. Some districts will note that beginning with this payment some portion of their payment has been withheld because they have not fully complied with data reporting requirements. (See Special Note above.)
- 2. Deductions for STRS and SERS Retirement programs have been updated with calendar year 2008 data provided by STRS and SERS for districts that have their payments sent to the retirement systems by ODE. Please keep in mind that the amount you see under the annual amount on the statement of settlement is one-half the calendar year 2007 amount plus one-half the calendar year 2008 amount. This allows us to accurately deduct the proper amount for the first half of the calendar year over the remainder of the fiscal year.

C. ESC Notes

- 1. Some ESC's will note that beginning with this payment some portion of their payment has been withheld because they have not fully complied with data reporting requirements. (See Special Note above.)
- 2. The state per pupil amount of \$37.00/\$40.52 for multi-county ESC's is paid at 100% for locals, cities/exempted villages, and 97.14624 % for community schools.
- 3. Preschool units were based on EMIS data submitted as of 12/14/07.
- 4. The special education transportation calculation has been reduced to 80.508169% to stay within the appropriation amount.
- 5. All ESC contracts should be sent to ODE, c/o Jim Payton. We have had some delays in entering contract information because they were sent to a variety of staff members.

D. MRDD Notes

- 1. Calculations are based on FY 2007 data.
- 2. The special education transportation calculation had to be reduced to 80.508169% to stay within the appropriation amount.

If there are any questions in regards to the adjustments or the statement of settlement, please contact this office or your area coordinator.

