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TO: Community School Administrators
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SUBJECT: May Community School Payment
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This payment reflects the factors based on Am. Sub. H.B. 1 and student enrollment data extracted from SOES in April 2010.

Payments to community schools are made no later than the 10th business day of each month. The tenth business day for each of the remaining months of the fiscal year are as follows: May 14th, and June 14th.

SPECIAL NOTES:

EMIS Withholdings: The May payment reflects EMIS withholding penalties. Payment withholdings have been implemented for districts that received an out of compliance letter based upon data submitted to ODE and that had not resolved their missing data issues. 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.

For more information regarding the status of your district's data submission, please contact your EMIS coordinator.

SFSF Percentage Update: The appropriation for State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) was updated to ensure the state meets the requirements of the funds. As such, the SFSF percentage for the June payment will be updated to 6.392609671%. Under the percentage based payment system, schools will receive all of the increase in SFSF in this payment. However, by increasing the federal funds, the state funding will decrease.

Community School Payment Report

1. Career tech weighted funding is based on the CTA course data for FY2010.
2. Students enrolled in an e-school that did not take one of the required state achievement tests for two consecutive years were not funded.
3. Special education weighted funding is provided for students 1) with an IEP completed on or before December 1, 2009 and no more than 12 months old at December 1, and 2) assigned both an appropriate disability condition and program code in SOES.

4. Students with an enrollment date that overlaps with another community school or an EdChoice scholarship in FY2010 are not funded.
5. FY2009 EMAD OWF numbers are applied. Academic intervention funds transferred to the community school are based on the number of OWF community school students attending the community school.

Community School Foundation Statement of Settlement Report

1. Education Stabilization Funds: The SFSF percentage is 5.977545347%
2. Final adjustments for FY2009 continue to be recovered in this payment (JV39). See the note in January's Community School Payment Letter for more details.
3. A FY2009 Final Payment #2 (JV 64) was run in order to correct special education weighted funding on a number of schools. This was a one-time adjustment for all schools impacted except for six. Those six schools will be receiving information later this week outlining the details of their adjustment.
4. Student records with unresolved fatal flags that existed in both March 23rd and April 23rd extracts will not be funded.
5. Schools that did not report the minimum requirement of EMIS data had funds withheld from the May payment. The percent of funds withheld was based on the amount of data NOT reported. (See Special Note above.)
6. SERS and STRS: If you have questions or believe the annual amount to be incorrect, please contact the appropriate retirement system.

SOES Updates

EMAD - As you may know, targeted funding for economically disadvantaged students has changed for resident districts and that funding no longer requires resident districts to identify students attending district schools in the EMAD system.

That being said, students who are identified through EMAD still impact both the community school and the resident district funding, i.e. each student in EMAD who is identified as attending a community school generates a per pupil payment that is deducted from the resident district.

Programming/data loading processes are still currently being performed by ODJFS. A date is still not available for when the EMAD system will open.

Delayed Recognition of Flags for May and June Community School Payments

Flags applied late in the year have the potential for significant negative impacts on community school funding, especially in the cases where flags are applied in significant numbers without adequate time for community schools to resolve. Since indications are that the majority of flags are successfully resolved and community school-claimed FTE are restored, it is reasonable to allow more time for year-end flags to be resolved. It is believed that both traditional public schools and community schools will continue to apply and resolve flags as merited, and the flags will be completely resolved in an orderly fashion by the system close date (July 16, 2010) and reflected in the final version payment.

- May payment (April 16th & 23rd extracts) only flags present March 23rd and April 23rd will be applied.
- June payment (May 16th & 23rd extracts) only flags present April 23rd and May 23rd will be applied.
- All unresolved fatal flags that exist when the SOES system closes on July 16th, will be utilized in the final fiscal reconciliation process and payment.