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**TO:** Community School Administrators  
**FROM:** Stephen L. Barr, Associate Superintendent  
**SUBJECT:** May Community School Payment  
**DATE:** May 1, 2009

This payment reflects the factors based on Am. Sub. H.B. 119 and student enrollment data extracted from SOES on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Community School Payment Report**

1. Career tech weighted funding is based on SOES and EMIS data.
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 with an IEP completed on or before February 7, 2009 and assigned an appropriate 210 program code in SOES.
4. Students with SSID's that have an overlapping enrollment date with another community school or an Ed Choice scholarship are not funded.

### **Community School Foundation Statement of Settlement Report**

1. Final adjustments for FY2008 continue to be recovered in this payment (JV38). Please see the note in November's Community School Payment Letter for more details.
2. Deductions from schools to post secondary institutions for pupils participating in the Postsecondary Options Program in FY08 are included with this payment. (JV19).
3. Student records with unresolved fatal flags that existed in both March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup> extracts will not be funded.

### **SOES Updates:**

### **EMAD Update**

EMAD reporting concluded on April 24. EMAD is used to identify students included in the poverty count for receipt of poverty based assistance funds. Time will be spent during the next couple of weeks resolving contested student issues. Once this is done, EMAD data will be certified to ODE by the Ohio Department of Job and Family

Services. If you have questions, please contact us by e-mailing [emad@ode.state.oh.us](mailto:emad@ode.state.oh.us) .

## **Calamity Days and Community Schools**

Payments to community schools are provided based on the length of time a student attends the community school. To determine the FTE for a student who attends for a partial year, the amount of learning opportunities provided to a student is divided by the total amount that would be available if the student attended for the full year (see ORC 3314.08 (L)(3)). To complete this calculation, the school provides ODE with a profile of the school that defines the number of days or hours that will be offered to students in the full academic year. Therefore, community schools must be open for all of the days or hours reported in the profile. Community schools do not report calamity days, are not required to submit calamity day waivers, and must make up any days or hours the school closes due to a calamity. Schools that fail to make up missed days or hours are at risk of losing funding for those days/hours the school was not in session.

## **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 24, 2009) and reflected in the final version payment.

- May payment (April 15<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> extracts) only flags present March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be applied.
- June payment (May 15<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> extracts) only flags present April 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup> will be applied.
- All unresolved fatal flags that exist when the SOES system closes on July 24<sup>th</sup> , will be utilized in the final fiscal reconciliation process and payment.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

- **June 1** - tentative date for SOES Profiles to be available to schools
- **June 26** - Last day for Resident districts to flag records unless modified by community school
- **July 1** - SOES profiles due to ODE
- **July 24** – SOES closes for FY09
- **August 1** – Last day for schools to modify SOES Profiles
- **August 17** - SOES opens for FY10