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**TO:** Community School Administrators  
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**SUBJECT:** December Community School Payment  
**DATE:** December 7, 2009

This payment reflects the factors based on Am. Sub. H.B. 1 and student enrollment data extracted from SOES in November 2009.

### **SOES Updates**

- 1. Career Tech Module** – The career tech module in SOES was open for a few days because it was inadvertently scheduled to open in the same timeframe as prior years. Since the SOES side of the process is reliant on EMIS data and EMIS data won't be available until at least mid-January, the module has now been turned off.

### **Community School Payment Report**

1. Career tech weighted funding is based on the CTA course data for FY2009.
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, 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. OWF counts have been updated to reflect the FY2009 EMAD OWF data with this payment. 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. Payments to community schools are made no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> business day of each month. The 10<sup>th</sup> business day of December is Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Statement of Settlement Calculations Announced**  
Beginning with the December payment, the statement of settlement will contain a new blended approach to calculating payments and recoveries: a percentage-based

method will be used for payments and the installment method used previously is used for the recovery of overpayments.

This blended approach will calculate payments by setting the payment to an amount that brings the paid year-to-date to a level equal to the percentage of the year that has expired (percent of year multiplied by the annual column less the year-to-date column). For example, if the annual calculation totals \$120,000, in December (payment 6 of 12), regardless of what has transpired previously, the entity will be paid an amount that results in the total paid this year (year-to-date column + payment column) of \$60,000, or 50 percent of the annual amount. Using the same \$120,000 per year example, if the year-to-date column is \$20,000 in December, the payment will equal \$40,000; if the year-to-date column is \$55,000, the payment will equal \$5,000.

However, when the calculation of the annual amount results in an amount below what has already been paid and a negative payment situation is created, the amount to be recovered (the difference between the balance and the paid year-to-date) is divided by the number of remaining payments in the fiscal year, resulting in equal installments for payback. Using the example above, if the annual amount is \$120,000 and the year-to-date column is \$135,000, the balance of negative \$15,000 would be divided by six (number of remaining payments) for a negative payment of \$2,500.

3. **JV09** - Deductions for pupils participating in the Postsecondary Options Program in FY09 are included with this payment..
4. **JV42** - FY2007 for a single community school was updated resulting in a final #2 payment. These updates resulted in slight changes to district funding levels and per pupil transfers to other schools which is included with this payment ().
5. Student records with unresolved fatal flags will not be funded.
6. SERS and STRS: If you have questions or believe the annual amount to be incorrect, please contact the appropriate retirement system.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD TO THE JANUARY PAYMENT:**

1. Payments to community schools are made no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> business day of each month. The 10<sup>th</sup> business day of January is Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. The FY09 Final #1 will be incorporated in the January payment.