



TO: Community School Administrators
FROM: The Office of Budget and School Funding
SUBJECT: July Community School Payment
DATE: July 9, 2015

This is the first payment of FY16; however, this payment’s formula and factors are based on provisions of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 (the FY14-15 budget bill) using reported FY15 data for all enrollment data. The sections below contain additional information on the FY16 July and future payments.

Resolving Fatal Flags

This payment applies the full weight of all fatal flags in place for the July payment, as ODE did not override any fatal flags. A fatal error report was generated on June 19, 2015 and was distributed to community schools on July 6th. This report is the most up-to-date snapshot of flags in place.

Community schools should work with their area coordinators to resolve as many of these fatal flags as possible before July 17. The data in the system on July 17 will be used for the FY15 Final #1 reconciliation payment with the August community school payment.

FY16 Payment Dates

Payments to community schools are made no later than the 10th business day of each month. The scheduled payment dates for FY16 are as follows:

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| July 9, 2015 | January 13, 2016 |
| August 12, 2015 | February 11, 2016 |
| September 10, 2015 | March 10, 2016 |
| October 13, 2015 | April 12, 2016 |
| November 12, 2015 | May 11, 2016 |
| December 10, 2015 | June 13, 2016 |

FY16 July, August, and September Payments

- Will utilize FY14-15 budget bill formula and factors
- Will use FY15 data
- FY15 Final #1 reconciliation payment will be in August

FY16 October Payment

- Will be the first to utilize formula and factors based on the FY16-17 budget bill
- Will be adjusted to account for updated FTE figures, formula amounts, and funding factors.

Community School Payment Report and Data

The July payment report is a comprehensive tool designed to walk the user through every step of the funding formula and shows the payment calculations. This report is commonly known as the School Finance Payment Report (SFPR).

- Career tech funding is based on the CTA course data entered in the FY2015 October EMIS records and the matching FY2015 career tech data entered in the SOES system.
- Updated FY15 enrollment data provided in June 2015 through the EMIS data collector and SOES are used for the following funding categories:
 - Opportunity Grant
 - Targeted Assistance
 - Special Education
 - Limited English Proficiency
 - Economically Disadvantaged
 - K-3 Literacy
- The targeted assistance per-pupil amount and economically disadvantaged index both utilize the resident district's most recent FY15 data.
- Transportation payments are based on actual data submitted through SOES in FY15 for community schools that provide direct transportation to their students.

Community School Foundation Statement of Settlement Report

The adjustments below are made on the FY16 July payment and are known as Journal Voucher Codes. The final section provides greater detail on Journal Voucher Codes in use for July.

With this payment the following funding adjustments are made:

- ODE sponsorship deductions (JV93)
- Community School FTE Settlement Adjustment (JV16)
- FY 2014 audit adjustments (JV38)
- Insufficient Funds STRS (JV33)
- Insufficient Funds SERS (JV22)
- STRS and SERS retirement adjustments are based on information from these sources for the month of July.

Explanation of Above Journal Voucher Codes:

- **JV38 - FY2014 COMMUNITY SCHOOL FINAL VERSION #1 ADJUSTMENT**
An additional calculation for the FY2014 Community School Payment Report was completed and this adjustment represents the difference between the "June" and the "Final version #1" calculations.
- **JV16 – COMMUNITY SCHOOL FTE SETTLEMENT ADJUSTMENT**
Negative adjustment associated with community school settlement agreements pertaining to FY2013 and/or FY2014 FTE reviews.