August 1, 2003

TO: Community School Administrators
FROM: Dan L. Wilson, Associate Superintendent, Center for School Finance and Accountability
SUBJECT: August Community School Payment

This payment reflects the factors under HB95, which is effective for FY 2004 and FY 2005.

A. Community School Payment Report

1. For existing community schools this payment is based on the data in the 2003-2004 school year on the web based system as of July 15, 2003.
2. For new community schools this payment is based on the greater of the following:

   - One-half the approved enrollment, OR
   - The data in the 2003-2004 school year on the web based system as of June 15, 2003.

3. The per pupil amount is $5,058.00 X cost-of-doing-business factor of the county of residence.
4. Special education category weights expanded to six categories with a reduction factor of .88 of the following weights:
   a. Category 1 -> .2892
   b. Category 2 -> .3691
   c. Category 3 -> 1.7695
   d. Category 4 -> 2.3646
   e. Category 5 -> 3.1129
   f. Category 6 -> 4.7342

   NOTE: I.E.P.'s on file must match the handicapping condition identified in the web based system. **I.E.P.'s must be completed and dated by December 1, 2003** in order to receive special education weighted funding for these students this fiscal year.
5. HB 95 states that if a school did not receive a DPIA payment in FY 2003, it will not be eligible to receive a payment in FY 2004 and FY 2005, even if it adds students who would be eligible for a DPIA payment. It further indicates that for schools who received a FY 2003 payment based on the formula, an increase of 2% over what was received in FY 2003 would be provided in FY 2004 and FY 2005. If a school was on the DPIA guarantee, the guarantee amount paid in FY 2003 would be paid in FY 2004 and FY 2005, with no increase. These amounts would be as stated even if the school added or lost students.
6. Parity Aid payments to Community Schools will start with the August payment.

B. Community School Foundation Statement of Settlement Report

1. For new community schools you will be seeing a monthly deduction of $2,500.00 for State Teachers Retirement System. For existing community schools the deduction for STRS is based on the annual amount used in June unless we received an update for your school from STRS. This monthly deduction will continue until January when it will be updated with a new annual amount for both new and existing schools. If you have questions or believe the annual amount to be incorrect, contact Paul Snyder of STRS at (614) 227-4090.

C. Miscellaneous

1. The Community School Payment Report and Statement of Settlement **are now available on the ODE Website**. The website address is: www.ode.state.oh.us/school_finance/data/community_schools/default.asp
2. If you need to update information on the web-based system or to give a new person access

to the web based system, contact Connie Reynolds at 614-752-5068. The CSADM Web Based System has a User Manual and it can be viewed at the following web site address:

www.ode.state.oh.us/school_finance/handbooks/finance_handbooks/CS_Web-Based_System/default.asp

3. The Community School payments are vouchered on the first working day of the month. It takes approximately **seven to ten business days** to receive the warrants or EFT notification slips from the Auditor of State's office. If you have not received your funds by the eleventh business day of the month, feel free to contact our office for assistance.

If there are any questions in regards to the payment, please contact this office or your area coordinator.