

**November 3, 2003**

**TO:** Community School Administrators

**FROM:** Dan L. Wilson, Associate Superintendent, Center for School Finance and Accountability

**SUBJECT:** November 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 all community schools, new and existing, this payment is based on the data in the CSADM web based system as of October 15, 2003.
2. The per pupil amount is \$5,058.00 X cost-of-doing-business factor of the county of residence.
- 3.

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.

4.

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. There was an error in the program previously that has been corrected this month. You should see the full 2% increase in your DPIA funds compared to the FY 2003 level of DPIA funding. We are aware of legislative discussions that may lead to a change in DPIA funding. When new legislation is enacted we will promptly adjust the funding formulas.

5.

In previous months parity aid was calculated by adding the full kindergarten students to the students in grades 1-12 and multiplying that by the district of residence parity aid per pupil amount. Section 3314.08 (C) (6) of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 states the calculation is the sum of the number of students in grades one through twelve, and **one-half** of the number of students in kindergarten is to be multiplied by the district of residence per pupil parity aid amount. That correct calculation has been made and applied starting in October.

## **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 or Carla Marshall of School Employees Retirement System (SERS) at (614) 222-5861.
2. This month several schools will see a deduction on their Statement of Settlement for students that participated in the Post-Secondary Program in FY 2003. It is identified on the Statement of Settlement with a JV19 code. If you need additional information or a listing of students participating, contact Lyn Gasbarro at 614-466-0946.

## **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](http://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. There are new forms for the community schools to use when requesting access to the CSADM web based system. 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](http://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.