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TO: Community School Administrators
FROM: Paolo A. DeMaria, Associate Superintendent
Center for School Finance
SUBJECT: August Community School Payment

This is the August payment for your school as required under section 3314.08 of the Ohio Revised Code for Community Schools and reflects the factors under Sub.H.B. 95 and SB 2, which is effective for FY 2004 and FY 2005 impacting the payment..

A. Community School Payment Report

1. For existing community schools this payment is based on the data in the 2004-2005 school year on the web based system as of July 15, 2004.
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 2004-2005 school year on the web based system as of July 15, 2004.
3. The per pupil amount is \$5,169.00 X cost-of-doing-business factor of the county of residence.
4. Special education category weights have a reduction factor of .90 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, 2004** in order to receive special education weighted funding for these students this fiscal year.

5. The July DPIA payment for FY 2005 was calculated using the FY2004 allocation amounts as an estimate. This payment (the August payment) was recalculated using 2005 data and any adjustments necessary are reflected in this payment.

A community school's Safety, Security and Remediation (SSR) DPIA payment is based on counts of Ohio Works First (OWF) students that it identified this past sprint through the Education Monetary Assistance Distribution (EMAD) system of the Ohio Department of Job and

Family Services. When the system closed on April 15, there were some community school students that had not yet been approved by their resident district for SSR DPIA funding. ODE has obtained a list of community school with unapproved students and will be sending out an e-mail to the EMAD contact for these school describing the steps they should take to have these students approved for funding. If your community school participated in EMAD this past spring and you do not receive an e-mail from ODE's EMAD coordinator, this means your school had all of its OWF students approved for funding and there are no further steps you need to take. It should be noted, however, that not all students identified in EMAD as OWF students count towards a community school's SSR DPIA funding. Only those OWF students from districts that qualify for DPIA funding are eligible for SSR DPIA funding. For example, if a community school identified 25 OWF students that were all approved for funding by their resident districts and only received SSR DPIA funding for 20 students, this means that the five unfunded students reside in districts that do not qualify for DPIA funding. If you have further questions, please contact Brad Gregg at: brad.gregg@ode.state.oh.us

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 (STRS). 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 or SERS. 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. Some schools will actually receive 10% less than the net disbursement amount indicates. This withholding of funds is due to missing elements of FY 2004 EMIS data. I notified your school under separate cover in a letter dated July 16, 2004 that your school was out of compliance. In order to avoid forfeiting the 10% of your school funding that the department is withholding, you must take corrective action to submit accurate and complete data prior to the August 6, 2004 deadline for the N reporting period for FY 2004. Please contact data.accountability@ode.state.oh.us or call Krishna Rao at (614) 466-5006 for assistance with your EMIS data submission..

C. Miscellaneous

1. The Community School payment Report and Statement of Settlement are available on the ODE Website. The website address is:

http://www.ode.state.oh.us/school_finance/community_schools/default.asp

2. Community Schools must enter State Student Identification numbers (SSID's) for all of their students or face lack of funding. As you may be aware, each community school can retrieve their student level records in the CSADM web system to verify which students are missing their SSID. **A payment will not be issued for those students who do not have a valid state student identifier reported in the CSADM system.**

3. If you need to update information on the web-based system or 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 on line at the following web site address:

<http://www.ode.state.oh.us/EMIS/CSADM/>

4. 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.

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