Center for School Finance

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TO: Superintendents and Treasurers of City, Local, Exempted Village School Districts, and Educational Service Centers
FROM: Paolo A. DeMaria, Associate Superintendent, Center for School Options and Finance
RE: February 2008 Foundation Payment #1
DATE: February 5, 2008

This payment reflects the factors based on Am. Sub. H.B 119.

SPECIAL REMINDER:

This February #1 payment reflects EMIS withholding penalties for some districts. Payment withholdings have been implemented for districts that have not fully resolved data reporting issues as of 1/18/08. The withholding will not be reflected on the statement of settlement, thus, if the check or EFT received by your district does not match the amount on the statement of settlement it is likely your district was subject to EMIS withholding. For posting purposes, each line of the statement of settlement should be reduced by the same percentage that the overall payment has been reduced due to withholding. When your data reporting issues are resolved, the withheld portion of your payment will be released and sent to you. If you had more than one withholding, you will receive multiple payments upon resolution of issues.

For more information regarding the status of your district's October data submission, please contact your EMIS coordinator. Information regarding the reporting requirements and penalties can be found on the ODE web site (please search for "EMIS penalty" and click on the link to "FY08 Data Submission Requirements".)

A. SF-3

1. This payment is based on actual October count data submitted to EMIS on 1/18/08. For purposes of calculating the weighted average count, the February count ADM was assumed to be equal to the October count ADM.
2. The data used for CTAE FTE, open enrollment, other adjustments, preschool units and gifted units were based on EMIS data submitted as of 1/18/08.
3. The special education transportation calculation has been reduced to 80.508169% to stay within the appropriation amount.
4. The January #2 payment inadvertently relied on incorrect EMIS data for the co-op student count used to calculate the regular student population which had an effect on lines 13A and 13C (Number of Classroom Teachers and Educational Service Personnel) for a few districts. This problem has been corrected in the February #1 calculation.
5. Having discovered an error with the compilation of EMIS data for the K – 3 student counts, the PBA calculation for Increased Learning Opportunities is based on estimates.

B. Statement of Settlement

1. Some districts will note that with this payment some portion of their payment has been withheld because they have not fully complied with data reporting requirements as of 1/18/08 but this withholding does not appear on the statement of settlement. (See Special Reminder above.)
2. Some districts will see an adjustment for FY07 excess costs for handicapped pupils for the district of attendance (JV98, code 122X) or for the district of residence (JV99, code 474).

C. ESC Notes

1. Some ESC's may note that with this payment some portion of their payment has been withheld because they have not fully complied with data reporting requirements as of 1/18/08. (See Special Reminder above.)
2. The state per pupil amount of $37.00/$40.52 for multi-county ESC's is paid at 100% for locals, cities/exempted villages, and 84.31067 % for community schools.
3. Preschool units were based on EMIS data submitted as of 1/18/08.
4. The special education transportation calculation has been reduced to 80.508169% to stay within the appropriation amount.
5. All ESC contracts should be sent to ODE, c/o Jim Payton. We have had some delays in entering contract information because they were sent to a variety of staff members.

D. MRDD Notes

1. Calculations are based on FY 2007 data.
2. The special education transportation calculation had to be reduced to 80.508169% to stay within the appropriation amount.

If there are any questions in regards to the adjustments or the statement of settlement, please contact this office or your area coordinator.

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