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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 #2
DATE: February 19, 2008

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

SPECIAL REMINDER:

This February #2 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 the close of the October reporting period (February 2, 2008.) 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 submission of a corrective action plan.

For more information regarding the status of your district's October data submission, please contact your EMIS coordinator.

A. SF-3

1. This payment is based on actual October count data. For purposes of calculating the weighted average count, the February count ADM was assumed to be equal to the October count ADM.
2. The special education transportation calculation has been reduced to 80.508169% to stay within the appropriation amount.
3. The determination of the all day kindergarten (ADK) count used in the calculation of PBA ADK has been altered. EdChoice KDG is no longer being subtracted from the equation because it is not included in the total ADK count from EMIS. Also, only all day e-school kindergartners instead of all e-school kindergartners are being subtracted from the ADK count. These two revisions will increase the ADK counts for some districts.
4. We are not using EMIS data for the PBA calculation of Increased Learning Opportunities. Estimates are being used.
5. Preschool handicapped units were funded at 99.509752% to stay within appropriations.

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 the close of the October EMIS reporting period but this withholding does not appear on the statement of settlement. (See Special Reminder above.)
2. Supplements for Gifted Identification (499-3219) (JV75) have been released for payment.
Note: This gifted identification funding is for restricted Fund 499 use only. For each district the Gifted ID payment will be released with the submittal and approval of the Final Expenditure Reports (FER) based on the schedule provided by the Office of Exceptional Children. Use receipt code 3219.
3. SF14 tuition adjustments for non-handicapped pupils are included in this payment (JV50, JV51) and SF14 H tuition adjustments for handicapped pupils are also included in this payment (JV52, JV53).
4. 30% of the FY 2008 Bus Purchase reimbursements (JV01) are included in this payment.
5. 30% of the FY 2008 Bus Purchase reimbursements (JV02) for handicapped equipped and non-public busses are included in this payment.
6. Deductions for pupils participating in FY 2007 Post Secondary Options (JV19) are made in this payment.

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 the close of the October reporting period. (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 79.754060 % for community schools.
3. Preschool units were based on EMIS data submitted as of 2/2/08.
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.
6. 30% of the FY 2008 Bus Purchase reimbursements (JV02) for handicapped equipped and non-public busses are included in this payment.
7. Preschool handicapped units were funded at 99.509755% to stay within appropriations.



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D. MRDD Notes

1. The school age payment is based on FY 2008 ADM data submitted in the fall of 2007 to the Office of Exceptional Children
2. The special education transportation calculation has been reduced to 80.508169% to stay within the appropriation amount.
3. FY 2008 Bus Purchase reimbursements (JV02) for handicapped equipped and non-public busses are included and paid at 30% to stay within appropriation.
4. Preschool handicapped units were funded at 99.509755% to stay within appropriations.

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